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U.S. Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter speaks during a press conference held with Britain's Secretary of State for Defence Michael Fallon, at Lancaster House in London, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015. (AP Photo/Alastair Grant) Page 2



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Pentagon Abandons Rebel-Building Effort in Syria

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration is overhauling its approach to fighting the Islamic State in Syria, abandoning a failed Pentagon effort to build a new ground force of moderate rebels and instead partnering with established rebel groups, officials said Friday. The shift, telegraphed

weeks ago by disclosures that the effort had produced only a handful of trained rebels, is meant partly to take better advantage of U.S. airpower, which can play a bigger role now that Turkey is permitting American fighter jets to operate from its soil. But it is not expected to immediately give new momentum to a slow-moving — some would say stalled — American-led campaign

against the Islamic State. The aim is to work with established rebel units “so that over time they can make a concerted push into territory still controlled by ISIL,” said Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook. Others said the hope is to put much more pressure on the northern city of Raqqa, the Islamic State’s declared capital. The change also reflects growing concern in the Obama administration

in Syria, amplified by Russia’s muscular moves to launch ship-based cruise missile strikes and deploy fighter aircraft and battle-field weaponry — actions that caught the U.S. by surprise and underscored the failure of the Pentagon’s \$500 million program to train and equip rebels. “The administration has had a weak, inadequate policy in Syria and a weak, inadequate policy against ISIS,” said Rep. Mac Thorn-

ia will depend in part on the success of local, motivated and capable ground forces,” Carter said in a written statement. Citing the work with the Kurds along the Syrian-Turkish border, Carter told a news conference in London on Friday, “That’s exactly the kind of example that we would like to pursue with other groups in other parts of Syria going forward.” Yet the Islamic State con-

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Russian cartoonist Sergei Yelkin works on a new cartoon at his home in Moscow, Russia, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015. While Russia has stepped up its involvement in Syria with airstrikes beginning last week, political cartoonists have taken up their pens to express frustration with the government’s increasingly hawkish actions. The caricatures, which appear in independent newspapers and on social media sites, lampoon Russian President Vladimir Putin for focusing resources on propping up his Syrian counterpart and long-term ally, Bashar Assad, rather than eliminating the Islamic State.

(AP Photo/Alexander Zemlianichenko)

that Russia’s intervention has complicated the Syrian battlefield and given new life to President Bashar Assad. Russian airstrikes have raised questions about whether and how the U.S. would protect rebel groups it is working with if they are hit by Russian bombs. Meanwhile, the CIA has since 2013 trained some 10,000 rebels to fight Assad’s forces. Those groups have made significant progress against strongholds of the Alawites, Assad’s sect, but are now under Russian bombardment. The covert CIA program is the only way the U.S. is taking on Assad militarily. The administration is under heavy criticism in Congress for a flawed approach

berry of Texas, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. “Adjusting one program, even if it were successful, will not solve the problem.” Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Friday the new Pentagon approach is in line with the administration’s basic formula of leveraging U.S. and coalition airpower by coordinating with anti-IS Syrian rebels on the ground. The U.S. has had success working, for example, with Syrian Kurds and Sunni Arab rebel groups in northern Syria. The U.S. believes a capable ground force is essential for success against IS, but those troops will not be American. “I remain convinced that a lasting defeat of ISIL in Syr-

tinues to make gains. On Friday, militants captured a string of villages near Aleppo in a lightning attack that brought them closer to the prized city in northern Syria. Administration officials said the new Pentagon approach focuses heavily on equipping and supporting Sunni Arab rebel groups that the U.S. military has been coordinating with in recent months as they, along with Syrian Kurdish rebels, take and hold ground east of the Euphrates River. The Pentagon will provide leaders of these groups with ammunition and communications gear while vetting them for links to terrorism, and then call on them to identify and pinpoint Islamic State targets for airstrikes. □



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Obama says 'it's about the families' after Oregon meeting

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Associated Press

ROSEBURG, Oregon (AP) — President Barack Obama, faced with protests over his meeting Friday with victims of an Oregon shooting, held to his view that something must be done about deadly gun crimes. But given the freshness of the week-old tragedy, he said, "Today, it's about the families."

At Umpqua Community College in Roseburg last week, a gunman killed eight students and a teacher before using the weapon to take his own life. On Friday, fatal shootings were reported at colleges in Arizona and Texas. "We're going to have to come together as a country to see how we can prevent these issues from taking place" so regularly, Obama told reporters following the approximately hour-long, private meeting with grieving relatives of those who were killed and injured.

"But today, it's about the families, their grief and the love we feel for them." The White House did not say how many people Obama met with.

Immediately after the Oregon shooting, a visibly angry Obama appeared at the White House to declare that thoughts and prayers are no longer enough in the aftermath of such incidents and that the nation's gun laws needed to be changed. He said the issue is one "we should politicize."

But his message didn't sit well in Roseburg, where gun ownership is popular and some area residents began mobilizing against his visit almost as soon as the White House announced he was coming. Hundreds of supporters and protest-

ers gathered near the local airport where he arrived by helicopter, and signs welcoming the president were mixed with other signs advocating for gun rights.

Obama said the families wanted him to know how much they appreciated the outpouring of support from around the country. Staunchly conservative Douglas County is bristling with gun owners who use their firearms for hunting, target shooting and self-protection.

A commonly held opinion in the area is that the solution to mass killings is more people carrying guns, not fewer.

"The fact that the college didn't permit guards to carry guns, there was no one there to stop this man," said Craig Schlesinger, pastor at the Garden Valley Church.

Referring to potential protesters, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said no one should fear Obama's visit.

"The fact is the president has made clear that the goal of his visit is to spend time with the families of those who are so deeply affected by this terrible tragedy," Earnest said.

Some of the most poignant moments of Obama's presidency have occurred in his role as consoler in chief. Just a few months ago, he led the grieving after nine worshippers were gunned down inside a historically black church in Charleston, South Carolina, singing "Amazing Grace" at a funeral service. In 2012, he read the first names of the 20 elementary school students who were killed in Newtown, Connecticut, and asked how the nation could honestly say it's doing enough to keep its children safe. □



President Barack Obama, center, with Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, right, and Roseburg Mayor Larry Rich, left, pauses as he makes a statement to members of the media following their meeting with families of the victims of the Oct. 1, shooting at Umpqua Community College, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015 in Roseburg, Ore.

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Republicans in tumult after McCarthy leaves speaker race

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pressure mounted on former vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan to run for House speaker Friday as Republicans scrambled to restore order to their divided ranks, shaken by Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy's astonishing decision to abandon his campaign for the powerful post. McCarthy's surprise announcement was the latest consequence of the Republican Party's bitter divide between moderates and outspoken, right-wing members who favor a more uncompromising approach toward President Barack Obama's policies. Although Republicans control both the House and Senate, the infighting has hampered their ability to capitalize on their congressional power. Republican lawmakers met Friday to discuss their next move, but lawmakers said nothing was decided

at the gathering. Departing House Speaker John Boehner and Mc-

a great speaker," McCarthy said as he entered the closed-door meeting. "It's



Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis. arrives for a House GOP meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015. The pressure is on Ryan to run for House speaker in the chaotic aftermath of Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy's sudden decision to abandon his campaign for the post.

(Doug Mills/ The New York Times via AP)

Carthy were pressing Ryan to seek the job. The House speaker is one of the most powerful figures in Washington, second in the line of succession to the president. "I've talked with Paul Ryan. He's talking to people. I think he'd make

a big decision. He's got to talk to his wife and everybody else, and it's got to be his decision." Ryan has insisted that he's not interested in the post, preferring to focus on his chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee.

But the 45-year-old Wisconsin lawmaker did not reject the idea outright when he entered Friday's conference. "I have nothing new to say," Ryan said. Later, spokesman Brendan Buck issued a statement saying: "Chairman Ryan appreciates the support he's getting from his colleagues but is still not running for speaker." The tumult was escalating as Congress hurtled toward showdowns with Obama over spending and borrowing. If not resolved, those face-offs could result in a partial government shutdown or an unprecedented federal default — two scenarios that some Republican leaders believe would severely wound Republican prospects in next year's presidential and congressional elections. The House No. 3 Republican leader, Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, also said he'd like to see Ryan as the next speaker. Even Rep. Jason

Chaffetz of Utah, himself a candidate for the speaker's post, said he'd back Ryan should he seek the job, adding, "I would hope that he would do it." Added Rep. Lynn Westmoreland, of Georgia, himself a potential contender for the job: "I think he's the only guy who can unite us right now." Any presidential aspirations Ryan might have could be undercut by holding the chamber's top job and managing its unruly caucus. Being speaker also calls for multiple days on the road raising money for the Republican Party, a challenge for a lawmaker like Ryan with a young family back home. On Thursday, Republicans munching barbecue at a closed-door meeting where they seemed ready to coronate McCarthy as their candidate for speaker were aghast when the Californian rose and told them he wouldn't seek the job. □



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Police: Trio used stolen gun to rob, kill 2 in California



Multnomah County Sheriff's Office photos show the three suspects who were arrested Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015, in Portland, Ore., in the killing of Steve Carter, a tantra yoga teacher, on a hiking trail in Marin County, Calif. From left are Sean Michael Angold, 24; Lila Scott Allgood, 19; and Morrison Haze Lampley, 23. (Multnomah County SO/Portland police via AP)

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Three young transients used a handgun that was stolen from an unlocked car to rob and kill a backpacking Canadian tourist in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco then a yoga instructor two days later on a hiking trail north of the city, authorities said Friday.

The handgun was reported stolen on Oct. 1 from the Fisherman's Wharf neighborhood in San Francisco, police commander Toney Chaplin said.

"We believe the same weapon was used in both crimes," Chaplin said, adding that it appears robbery was the motive in the two killings.

The body of Audrey Carey, 23, was found Oct. 3 in Golden Gate Park. She had been shot in the head. Yoga instructor Steve Carter, 67, was discovered dead on Monday near a popular hiking trail in Marin County across the Golden Gate Bridge. He had been shot multiple times while walking his dog.

Authorities identified the suspects as Morrison Haze

Lampley, 23; Sean Michael Angold, 24; and Lila Scott Allgood, 18. They were being held without bail in Oregon and it was unclear if any of them are represented by a lawyer.

They were arrested Wednesday at a soup kitchen in Portland, Oregon. San Francisco police say the stolen gun was recovered during the arrest and they believe it's the weapon used to fatally shoot Carey and Carter.

San Francisco police also said the suspects were in possession of Carter's car and some of Carey's camping gear was found inside it.

Valerie Chapman, administrator of St. Francis Church in Portland, said she had to admonish the three for smoking in a no-smoking area just outside the dining hall. Some of the regular diners told her the three suspects were asking if anyone wanted to buy a Volkswagen Jetta station wagon, Chapman said.

"We serve low-income and homeless people, many of them with mental illness," Chapman said. "It's not the smartest place to sell a car." The suspects waived

extradition proceedings in Portland and will be returned to the San Francisco Bay Area to face charges in the shooting deaths, said Marin County sheriff's Lt. Doug Pittman. He declined to say how they will be transported but said they will not return this weekend. "They can't go anywhere until we come get them," he said.

He has described the sus-

pects as drifters and said none of them has a known address.

Records show Portland police arrested Lampley on suspicion of possessing a weapon in a park in 2010 and graffiti-related crimes in 2012. He was sentenced to time served in the weapons case and never showed up in court for the graffiti charge, the records state. □

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1 student killed, 3 wounded at Arizona campus during fight

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Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — An overnight brawl between two groups of students escalated into violence Friday when a freshman at Northern Arizona University opened fire on four fraternity members, killing one and wounding three. Steven Jones, an 18-year-old fraternity pledge, told police he shot the group of students only after they hit him in the face and chased him, according to court documents. He also said he tried to administer first aid to one of the victims. Prosecutors said the suspect's account amounted to a "self-serving" statement and alleged Jones was the aggressor. "There is no indication of

self-defense here," Deputy County Attorney Ammon Barker said. "The defendant had retreated from the fight, he obtained a gun and then he went back into the fray." The shooting occurred in a parking lot just outside Mountain View Hall dormitory on the Flagstaff campus, which provides housing for many of the campus' sororities and fraternities. The victims were all members of the Delta Chi fraternity while Jones was a pledge at Sigma Chi. It's not clear why the fight started. Student Colin Brough was killed, and Nicholas Prato, Kyle Zientek and Nicholas Piring were wounded. The prosecutor said Brough was hit twice — in the chest and shoulder — with Jones'



Braedon Day, from left, Christopher Huston and Michael Zowada pray during a vigil, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, outside the Northern Arizona University union, in Flagstaff, Ariz. An overnight brawl between two groups of students escalated into violence Friday when a freshman at the university opened fire.
(Mark Henle/The Arizona Republic via AP)

.40-caliber handgun. Flagstaff Medical Center said it couldn't release any information on conditions. "This is not going to be a normal day at NAU," said school President Rita Cheng. "Our hearts are

heavy." Jones told investigators that several people approached him and two friends while they were outside a residence. A fight broke out between the two groups, and Jones said he was hit in the face.

He says a group chased him to his car, where he retrieved a handgun. Two of the victims had stopped following him but turned around when Jones yelled that he had a gun, court documents said. □

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1 fatally shot at Texas college housing complex

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Associated Press
HOUSTON (AP) — A student was killed and another person was wounded during a shooting outside at Texas Southern University student-housing complex on Friday, and police have detained two men for questioning, authorities said. The university quickly went on lockdown after the shooting was reported around 11:30 a.m. in a parking lot at the University Courtyard Apartments, a university-owned complex on the edge of the Houston campus. Students and teachers were told to stay inside until the lockdown

was lifted Friday afternoon after the two men were detained, but police said no arrests have been made. The incident marked the third shooting on or near the campus in less than a week, though it's unclear whether the shootings were related. Friday's shootings also came the same day as a fatal shooting at Northern Arizona University, and about a week after eight students and a teacher were fatally shot at a community college in Oregon. "Like President Obama says, this is getting to be too regular," Texas Southern President John Rudley said during a Friday after-

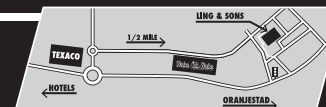
noon news conference. Rudley said the Texas Southern student who was killed was a freshman, though his name and age haven't been released. The second victim, whose name also hasn't been released, was shot twice and is hospitalized in stable condition, Houston police spokeswoman Jodi Silva said. Rudley urged the school's roughly 9,700 students to be more vigilant, noting that "we're in the inner city. Crime is all around us." He also criticized what he said was a culture among some students who believe they shouldn't snitch on each other. □

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UAW leaders approve new Fiat Chrysler Contract: AP

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AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers union unveiled a richer proposed contract with Fiat Chrysler on Friday, a week after angry union members voted down a previous agreement.

The new agreement would gradually eliminate a much-maligned tiered pay system and bring all U.S. factory workers to the same wage over eight years. The previous agreement had only promised a top wage of \$25 per hour for lower-tiered workers, which is less than the \$29 per hour that longtime workers would make.

About 45 percent of FCA's U.S. hourly workers are newer hires who now make wages as low as \$15.78 per hour. The union said the typical lower-tier worker will see gains of \$44,000 in wages and bonuses over the life of the four-year contract, up from \$25,000 in the previous agreement.

Like the previous agreement, the new contract also promises the first raises in nine years for the highest-paid workers.

Top-tier workers will get a \$4,000 bonus if the agreement is ratified; lower-tier workers will get \$3,000. The previous contract promised \$3,000 bonuses for all workers.

The new agreement calls for a \$5.3 billion investment in U.S. plants, as the previous agreement did, but this time the UAW spelled out which plants would get that investment in a summary given to workers. □

US Financial Front:

American wholesale stockpiles rise in August; sales fall

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WASHINGTON (AP)

Cheaper oil and less demand for autos and machinery weighed on wholesalers in August, as their inventories edged up just slightly while sales dropped.

The Commerce Department said Friday that wholesale stockpiles rose 0.1 percent, and sales fell 1 percent. Sales have slid 4.7 percent over the past 12 months. Inventories have increased 4.1 percent.

Falling oil prices account for much of the declining sales.

Oil inventories — which are measured in dollars — plummeted 4.6 percent in August and 36.6 percent over the past 12 months. Sales of autos and machinery also slipped. But rising inventories for equipment, pharmaceuticals and chemicals suggest that wholesalers still see ongoing demand heading into end of the year.

Wholesale inventories are at a seasonally adjusted \$583.9 billion, 4.1 percent above a year ago. Sales weakened as the broader economy began to cool



A forklift operator moves a pallet of goods at a Amazon.com fulfillment center in DuPont, Wash. The Commerce Department issued its August report on wholesale stockpiles on Friday, Oct. 9, 2015. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

in August, hampered in large part by the risks of a worldwide deceleration in economic activity. The slowing Chinese economy triggered alarms about corporate profits, resulting in a stock market sell-off. Canada has officially retreated into recession, and emerging economies such as Brazil have veered into a downturn. Growth in Europe continues to

muddle along. These problems seeped into the U.S. economy in the forms of a stronger dollar and lower energy prices. The rising value of the dollar caused American-made goods to become more expensive overseas, cutting into exports. Cheap oil and natural gas have led energy firms to cut back on their drilling activities and orders for pipeline and

equipment. More Americans are beginning to see the impact from these economic pressures. Hiring has suddenly slowed. Employers added just 136,000 workers in August and 142,000 in September, well below the 3-month average of 324,333 at the end of 2014. Sales of existing homes have also fallen after strong gains earlier in the year. □

Drop in applications for US unemployment benefits

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WASHINGTON (AP)

Fewer Americans sought unemployment benefits last week, as employers hold onto workers despite a recent slowdown in hiring because of global pressures weighing on the U.S. economy.

The Labor Department said that weekly applications for jobless aid fell 13,000 to a seasonally adjusted 263,000. The four-week average, a less volatile figure,

has fallen 8.2 percent over the past year to 267,500.

Applications are a proxy for layoffs. Recent lows had pointed to greater confidence among employers. The drop in weekly applications has reduced the total number of people receiving benefits. There are 2.2 million Americans collecting jobless aid, close to the lowest total since November 2000.

"While last week's employment report showed a no-

table slowdown in payrolls (through September), the jobless claims data continue to send an upbeat signal regarding conditions in the labor market," said Daniel Silver, an economist at JPMorgan Chase.

Yet the recent decline in hiring points to increased caution. Growth has slowed in China and stalled in Europe. Emerging economies such as Brazil and Turkey are also struggling, hurting the appetite for oil and U.S.

exports.

The global setbacks hit job gains in September.

Employers added just 142,000. Monthly job growth averaged a mediocre 167,000 in the July-September quarter, down from 231,000 in the April-June period, the government said last week. Jobless claims averaging less than 300,000 a week have traditionally corresponded with net monthly job gains of roughly 200,000. □

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Israel struggles to contain wave of stabbing attacks

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Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)

— Unrest that erupted several weeks ago at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site spread Friday to Gaza in the form of deadly border clashes with Palestinian protesters, as Israeli security forces struggled to contain a wave of Palestinian stabbing attacks against civilians and soldiers.

For the first time since the current violence began, clashes broke out along the Gaza border after Palestinians in the territory

ruled by the Islamic militant group Hamas rolled burning tires and threw rocks at Israeli troops on the frontier. Six Palestinians were killed and a dozen were wounded, the Palestinian Health Ministry said.

The Israeli military said "More than a thousand rioters infiltrated the buffer zone engaging the forces at the security fence. Rioters reached the security fence- hurled a grenade, rocks and rolled burning tires at Israeli forces ... threatening to breach the fence and storm the adjacent communities." It said



An Israeli policeman checks identity cards outside Jerusalem's Old City Friday, Oct. 9, 2015. At least four attacks, three by Palestinians and one by an Israeli, as well as deadly clashes along the Gaza border threatened to escalate tensions throughout the country on Friday as Israel struggled to control spiraling violence.

(AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean)

troops fired warning shots and then fired at main instigators to prevent their advance.

Recent days have seen a series of attacks by young Palestinians wielding household items like kitchen knives, screwdrivers and even a vegetable peeler. The youths had no known links to armed groups who have targeted Israeli soldiers and civilians at random, complicating security efforts.

The violence, including the first apparent revenge attack by an Israeli, raised fears of the unrest spiraling further out of control.

The unpredictability and brutality of the assaults, coupled with the young age of some of the attackers, have shocked Israelis and raised fears a new Palestinian intifada — or uprising — could be underway.

In Jerusalem, a Palestinian stabbed and wounded a 14-year-old Israeli with a

vegetable peeler Friday before being arrested. In another attack near the entrance of Kiryat Arba, a West Bank settlement, a Palestinian was shot dead by a police officer after he attacked him with a knife and tried to seize his weapon, police said.

In northern Israel, a 29-year-old Arab-Israeli woman was shot and wounded while trying to stab people at a bus station in the town of Afula, where another stabbing had taken place the day before, police said.

Gaza-based Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh applauded the recent Palestinian stabbing attacks across Israel at a speech at Friday prayers, labeling it as an intifada.

Israeli officials have said the violence is not on that scale for now, but rather is of the kind unleashed periodically over the decades. □

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IS advances near Syria's Aleppo despite Russian strikes

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Associated Press
BEIRUT (AP)

Islamic State militants captured a string of villages near Aleppo on Friday in a lightning attack that brought them closer to the prized city in northern Syria, despite a major increase in Russian airstrikes that Moscow insists are targeting the extremists. The surprise advance that brought the IS group to within a few miles of Aleppo was the most significant in months, following what has largely been a summer of stalemate in the war against the extremists. It comes amid a wave of intense Russian airstrikes that have targeted insurgents fighting to topple President Bashar Assad, and a ground offensive by the Syrian army in the country's central region. Moscow says it is targeting mainly Islamic State militants, but U.S. officials and Syrian rebels have said the strikes have hit mainstream rebels for the most part and are aimed at shoring up Assad's embattled government and troops. Many of the rebel groups hit by the Russian strikes are also at war with the IS group. "Everyone who wants to fight the rebels says that they are coming to fight Daesh while in fact they want to fight the rebels," said Bahaa al-Halaby, an activist based in the city of Aleppo, using an Arabic acronym for the group. He said the Russians have not carried out attacks against IS in Aleppo, which is split between government forces and various insurgent groups. "They are trying to finish off the rebels," he said. Other activists wondered where the Americans were.

"Why didn't America attack Daesh fighters during their attack?" asked Rami Abdurrahman, director of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. Russian General Staff deputy chief Lt. Gen. Igor Makushev said Russian warplanes conducted 67 sorties over the past day — a significant increase over previous days. He said the strikes killed 100 militants and destroyed an ammunition dump near Aleppo. "Militants are sustaining substantial losses under the Russian airstrikes and are having to change their tactics, to scatter their forces, to carefully disguise themselves and hide in settlement," he said. An international human rights group said Friday that apparent Russian airstrikes on the central town of Talbiseh on Sept. 30 killed at least 17 civilians and wounded 72, adding that the incident should be investigated for possible violations of the laws of war. Human Rights Watch said local groups operating in the central Homs province said that jets that they believed were Russian conducted strikes on the

neighboring towns of Zaafarani and Rastan, killing another 17 civilians. HRW

The group also seized a former army base known as the Infantry Academy that

Sham and the Levantine Front. The advance highlighted



A Syrian army armored vehicle moves near the village of Morek in Syria. The Syrian army has launched an offensive this week in central and northwestern Syria aided by Russian airstrikes.

(AP Photo/Alexander Kots, Photo via AP)

said it is still investigating the two attacks. The Observatory said the extremists' surprise advance north of Aleppo, which began Thursday night, is the most significant in months. It said the militants seized the villages of Tal Qrah, Tal Sousin and Kfar Qares north of Aleppo, Syria's largest city and its onetime commercial capital.

rebels captured from the Syrian army two years ago. The base is located around 10 miles (16 kilometers) northeast of Aleppo city and about one mile (1.6 kilometers) away from a government-held industrial zone on the northern edge of Aleppo. The areas were seized from hard-line and mainstream rebel groups, including the ultra-conservative Ahrar al-

the rapidly shifting terrain in Syria, where Russia and the United States are launching airstrikes and lending support to opposite sides in the country's nearly five-year civil war. The pro-IS Amaq media outlet said the group seized six villages and other strategic positions in Aleppo province after battling armed opposition groups there. □

Yemeni pro-government forces retake key seaside town

AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Pro-government forces drove Shiite rebels from a strategic seaside town on Friday after three days of heavy clashes that killed nearly 100 fighters, Yemeni security officials said. Pro-government fighters have seized the town of Dhubab, cutting off rebel supply lines to Yemen's third largest city, Taiz, said

the officials, who remain neutral in the conflict that has splintered Yemen's armed forces. Yemen's fighting pits the Houthis rebels, who are allied with army units loyal to a former president, against the internationally recognized government backed by a Saudi-led coalition. The U.N. says at least 2,355 civilians have been killed in Yemen since March, when the Saudi-led coal-

ition began launching airstrikes against the Houthis and their allies. Taiz is in government hands, but is besieged by Houthis. Securing Taiz would allow pro-government forces to push north toward the rebel-held capital, Sanaa. Pro-government fighters are also advancing on the nearby Red Sea port of Mocha, which is also along rebel supply lines to Taiz, Brig.

Gen. Samir al-Haj told The Associated Press. In response, the Houthis deployed fighters to Turba, a largely abandoned town that leads to Taiz's barely-defended southeastern areas, Houthis officials said. "It may be far off, but it is a way in" to the city, one Houthi official said. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to brief reporters. □



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UN Security Council OKs migrants resolution for 1 year



Migrants and refugees walk toward the transit camp for refugees near the southern Macedonian town of Gevgelija, after crossing the border from Greece. The U.N. Security Council on Friday adopted a resolution to authorize the European Union and individual countries to seize migrant-smuggling vessels on the high seas off Libya.

(AP Photo/Boris Grdanoski)

CARA ANNA

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) —

The U.N. Security Council on Friday adopted a resolution to authorize the European Union and individual countries to seize migrant-smuggling vessels on the high seas off Libya.

"People cannot profit from this evil trade with impunity," British Ambassador Matthew Rycroft said, calling the crisis one of the greatest challenges of this generation.

The resolution, negotiated off and on for months, is under Chapter 7 of the U.N. Charter, which means it can be militarily enforced. African members of the 15-member council had expressed concern about that.

The resolution also authorizes the European Union and individual nations to board vessels "with a view to saving the threatened lives of migrants or of victims of human trafficking."

The International Organization for Migration says 2,987 migrants have died so far in 2015 in the Mediterranean Sea crossing.

The resolution authorizes the search and seizure operation for one year. It says migrants "should be treated with humanity and dignity."

Council diplomats have said migrants on vessels that are searched and seized would be taken to Europe.

The resolution underscores that the intention is not to prevent individuals from exercising their human rights or prevent them from seeking protection. Venezuela was the only council member that didn't approve the reso-

lution, instead abstaining and saying the crisis requires a broader approach beyond a military one. Rycroft called the abstention "disappointing" but acknowledged that the military approach is a "small part" of what's needed.

The EU initially wanted a naval operation in Libyan territorial waters and along its coast, but Libya objected. Its approval is needed for such an operation, but the North African country remains divided between two rival governments, which the U.N. is trying to lead into a final peace deal.

Smugglers have exploited the chaos in the country to launch often flimsy boats full of migrants and refugees toward Europe.

The U.N. envoy for Libya late Thursday proposed a national unity government after months of difficult talks. Rycroft urged the rival governments to "get with the program" and support it.

Moving to the next phase of the EU operation, intercepting migrant-smuggling boats in Libyan waters, will require "clear consent" from Libya and another council resolution, Rycroft said. He said there was no proposal yet to pursue that.

The original draft of the resolution approved Friday would have authorized the destruction of the vessels, but the resolution states that any action on disposal of a seized vessel must be taken in accordance with international law "with due consideration of the interests of any third parties who have acted in good faith." □

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Expats spooked after 2 foreigners gunned down in Bangladesh

JULHAS ALAM
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Associated Press
DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)

— The cafes and restaurants are empty. The chatter of guests in hotel lobbies has gone quiet. The high-walled embassy compounds are even more closely guarded.

The recent killings of two foreigners in Bangladesh — an Italian and a Japanese — have spooked tourists and expatriates in the moderate, secular South Asian nation, raising alarms about whether Islamic radicals are gaining a foothold and whether foreigners are safe. The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for both killings, but Bangladesh's government denied the extremist Sunni group was involved. Instead, it accused the opposition of supporting a conspiracy to destabilize the impoverished country of 160 million — a charge



Italian journalist Raimondo Bultrini, center, speaks with local journalists as he visits the site where compatriot Cesare Tavella was gunned down by unidentified assailants in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The recent killings of two foreigners in the country — an Italian and a Japanese — has spooked tourists and expatriates in the impoverished South Asian nation.

(AP Photo/A.M. Ahad, File)

the opposition denies. Any lost confidence in security could damage the country's economy, which relies

heavily on foreign aid and investment. Already, hotels and shops catering to the foreign community say

they are seeing losses.

"The killings are affecting our business. We had to cancel some bookings,"

said a five-star hotel manager in Dhaka, asking that neither she nor the hotel be identified for fear of hurting business further.

Another hotel manager, also refusing to be identified, said they have increased security staffing and video surveillance. "If there is any suspicion," he said, "our people in plain clothes are working around the hotel." Last week's near-identical attacks on Italian Cesare Tavella and Japan's Kunio Hoshi — both were gunned down in daylight by motorcycle-riding youths — stunned many in Bangladesh for targeting two foreigners who had been involved in agricultural projects meant to help the poor. Tavella was shot in Dhaka's diplomatic quarter, while Hoshi was attacked five days later in a village 300 kilometers (185 miles) to the north.

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Studies say 1/3 of young men in China to die from smoking

DIDI TANG
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Research published in the medical journal The Lancet says one in three of all the young men in China are likely to die from tobacco, but that the number can fall if the men quit smoking.

The studies, conducted by researchers from Oxford University, the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences and the Chinese Center for Disease Control, show that two-thirds of the young men in China start to smoke, mostly before age 20, and that half of those will eventually be killed by tobacco unless they stop permanently.

The research, involving two studies 15 years apart

and including hundreds of thousands of people, says the number of tobacco deaths, mostly among men, reached 1 million by 2010 and will hit 2 million by 2030 if current trends continue.

But researchers say the trends could be stemmed if the smokers quit.

"The key to avoid this huge wave of deaths is cessation, and if you are a young man, don't start," said co-author Richard Peto, from the University of Oxford.

Smoking rates have dropped significantly among men in developed countries. In the United States, about 20 percent of adult men smoke and 15 percent of women do, and cigarette smoking causes

about one of every five deaths, said the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In China, the percentage of smokers among Chinese men has been on the rise in recent decades as cigarettes have become easily available.

As more Chinese people start to puff at younger ages, researchers expect the proportion of male deaths attributed to smoking to increase.

Around the world, tobacco kills up to half of its users, and more than 5 million deaths annually result from direct tobacco use, according to the World Health Organization.

However, with tobacco an important source of

revenue for the Chinese government, Beijing's efforts to control tobacco use have in the past been compromised. Also, many people in China find it difficult to kick the habit in a culture where smoking has become so ingrained.

"It is difficult, because there is a lot of pressure at work, so I smoke to alleviate the tension," Beijing office worker Wei Bin, 32, said in an interview. "At the same time our country does not provide good support for people who want to quit. I have tried electronic cigarettes, but I think that is perhaps worse," Wei said.

Some people are showing growing signs of awareness of the health risks.

"Three years ago, I used to

smoke, but now I realize it is bad for health and also the environment, so I quit," office worker Ma Huiwei, 35, said in downtown Beijing.

The research published in The Lancet shows that the number of young men smoking in China has increased, and the percentage of all male deaths in China that can be attributed to smoking is rising, while younger generations of Chinese women have become less likely to smoke compared to those born in the 1930s.

Yet, researchers also worry that this downward trend among Chinese women might be reversed as other studies have shown more young women taking up smoking recently. □



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Finance officials to clamp down on multinational tax evasion

J. GOODMAN
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Finance officials from the world's 20 biggest economies have committed to toughening laws and boosting cross-border cooperation to prevent multinational companies from avoiding as much as \$250 billion a year in taxes.

The unanimous agreement was announced Friday in Peru's capital on the sidelines of the International Monetary Fund's annual meeting. The plan, to be presented to heads of state for approval next month at a Group of 20 summit in Turkey, seeks to address concerns about whether large companies such as Apple and Google are paying

their fair amount of taxes. The 15-point action plan was drafted by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in consultation with more than 100 countries. It seeks to eliminate so-called "tax shopping" for most-favorable rates, profit shifting and a host of other strategies estimated to cost between 4 and 10 percent of global corporate income tax annually.

"This isn't about whether you have high taxes or low taxes, it's about whether you're paying your taxes," said British Finance Minister George Osborne.

Angel Gurría, secretary general of the OECD, said the plan's implementation will be key given the wide



Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors from the G20 pose for a group picture with International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Christine Lagarde, second right front row, and World Bank President Jim Yong Kim, first right front row, in Lima, Peru, Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015. (AP Photo/Geraldo Caso Bizama)

range of capacities and resources of tax authorities around the world. To

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Official: Lottery scam linked to murder of Jamaica family

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Attackers killed six members of the same family and set their clapboard home on fire in northern Jamaica, and the island's security minister on Friday linked the massacre to the island's international lottery scam crime rings.

The Jamaica Constabulary Force said the dead in the Logwood section of Hanover parish included two teenagers and a 62-year-old man. The bodies were found in the rubble of the burned house. Four other occupants of the home were being treated for burns, with two reported in critical condition.

Police did not provide specifics about the case or say anything about a motive.

However, National Security Minister Peter Bunting linked the killings to Jamaican scam rings that gener-

ally prey on elderly people in the United States by coercing money from them after tricking victims into thinking they won a lottery. Authorities say clashes among rival rings have long been responsible for the majority of homicides in northern parishes of the Caribbean island where many of the criminals are based.

Bunting said the slayings in Logwood were an example of "how much of a danger lottery scamming is to the security of our country."

This "heinous crime shows that scamming not only affects those who participate and directly profit from it, but those who associate with them, even where those associations are distant," he said.

Authorities have lately made progress capturing lottery scam suspects. □



Loyal Visitors Honored at the Marriott Ocean Club

PALM BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba at the Marriott Ocean Club as Distinguished Visitors, Goodwill Ambassadors and Emerald Ambassadors. The symbolic honorary titles are presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19, 20-to-34 and 35-or-more consecutive years.

The honorees were Mr. Ralph and Mrs. Tammie Vermilio of Spring, Texas, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Kathleen Sipple of Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Leo and Mrs. Jo Ann McLean of Old Lyme, Connecticut. The honorees are loyal members of the Marriott Ocean Club and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the weather, the beaches, the restaurants, the Casinos and the shopping. They say Aruba feels like a second home, the employees at the Marriott Ocean Club are like fam-



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phna van der Lans; Chairman of Carilec, Hugo V. Hodge Jr.; and many more international partners and institutions including IRENA, RMI-CWR, Carilec, TNO, World Bank, NREL, Brattle Group, Temporal Power Ltd., ECLAC, and University of Flensburg. Who will attend Green Aruba VI?

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Opening Keynote Speaker for Green Aruba VI, 2015, Secretary General of OAS, Luis Almagro Lemes.

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Parlatino invitees for their annual EE meeting with 23 member states from the Caribbean and Latin

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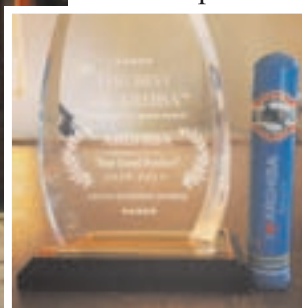
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Throughout 35 Caribbean, Mexican, and Latin American Destinations: Study Reveals \$3.16 Billion in Cruise Tourism Expenditures During 2014/15

ORANJESTAD/COZUMEL (PRNewswire-HISPANIC PR WIRE) - Today Business Research & Economic Advisors (BREA) launched its analysis of spending related to cruise tourism and its impact on destinations' economies. The triennial study engaged by the FCCA included a record 35 participating destinations throughout the Caribbean, Mexico and Central and South America. It found that cruise tourism generated \$3.16 billion in direct expenditures, 75,050 jobs and \$976 million in employee wages among participating destinations during the 2014/2015 cruise year and the 23.6 million passengers disembarking ships and visiting the destinations. The main driver-average expenditure per passenger-increased to \$103.83, 8.25 percent higher than the 2011/2012 cruise year and accounting for \$2.45 billion. Contributing to this increase were passengers spending 30 percent more per passenger on shore excursions, 20 percent more per passenger for local crafts and souvenirs and two percent more for food and beverages, along with a higher percentage of passengers making purchases in each of these categories. In fact, more than half of all transit passengers that went ashore purchased a shore excursion and food and beverages. Just over 75 percent of passenger expenditures were made in four categories: watches and jewelry (\$877 million), shore excursions (\$551 million), clothing (\$238 million), and food and bev-



erages (\$189 million). Shore excursions was the most popular category, with over half (53 percent) of all passengers purchasing this and local tour operators receiving an average of \$43.99 per passenger directly from cruise passengers and cruise lines. The estimated 4.5 million crewmembers visiting the 35 participating destinations spent approximately \$302 million for goods and services, with an average per crew expenditure of \$67.10, heavily weighted toward food and beverages, jewelry, and electronics. In addition to net payments to local tour operators, cruise lines also provided data for payments to ports for passenger taxes and port services, as well as payments to local businesses for supplies and services. These categories accounted for an estimated \$400.8 million. Other key findings from the study include that 63 percent of passengers made their first visit at the

destination; 93.7 percent went ashore; 65 percent made onshore purchases; and passengers spent an average 4.38 hours ashore. Plus visit satisfactions surveys found that cruise passengers were very satisfied with their overall destination visit; shore excursions received the highest score of all visit attributes; and passenger interactions with residents and store employees were very positive.

The study was released at the 22nd annual FCCA Cruise Conference & Trade Show in Cozumel, Mexico. Cozumel itself participated in the study and ranked third in overall expenditures with \$365 million. St. Maarten led all destinations with nearly \$423 million (while ranking third in passenger and crew onshore visits, it had the highest average total expenditure per visit of \$189), followed by the Bahamas with \$373 million.

The FCCA engages this study as one of many ways it works with destinations to foster understanding of cruise tourism, its benefits and how to best actualize its potential. The study's release during the FCCA Cruise Conference & Trade Show further adds to the event's focus on maximizing this potential through a series of meetings, workshops and networking opportunities between destination stakeholders and cruise executives to offer insight and develop business and relationships.

This study and past versions are available for download at www.f-cca.com/research.html. □

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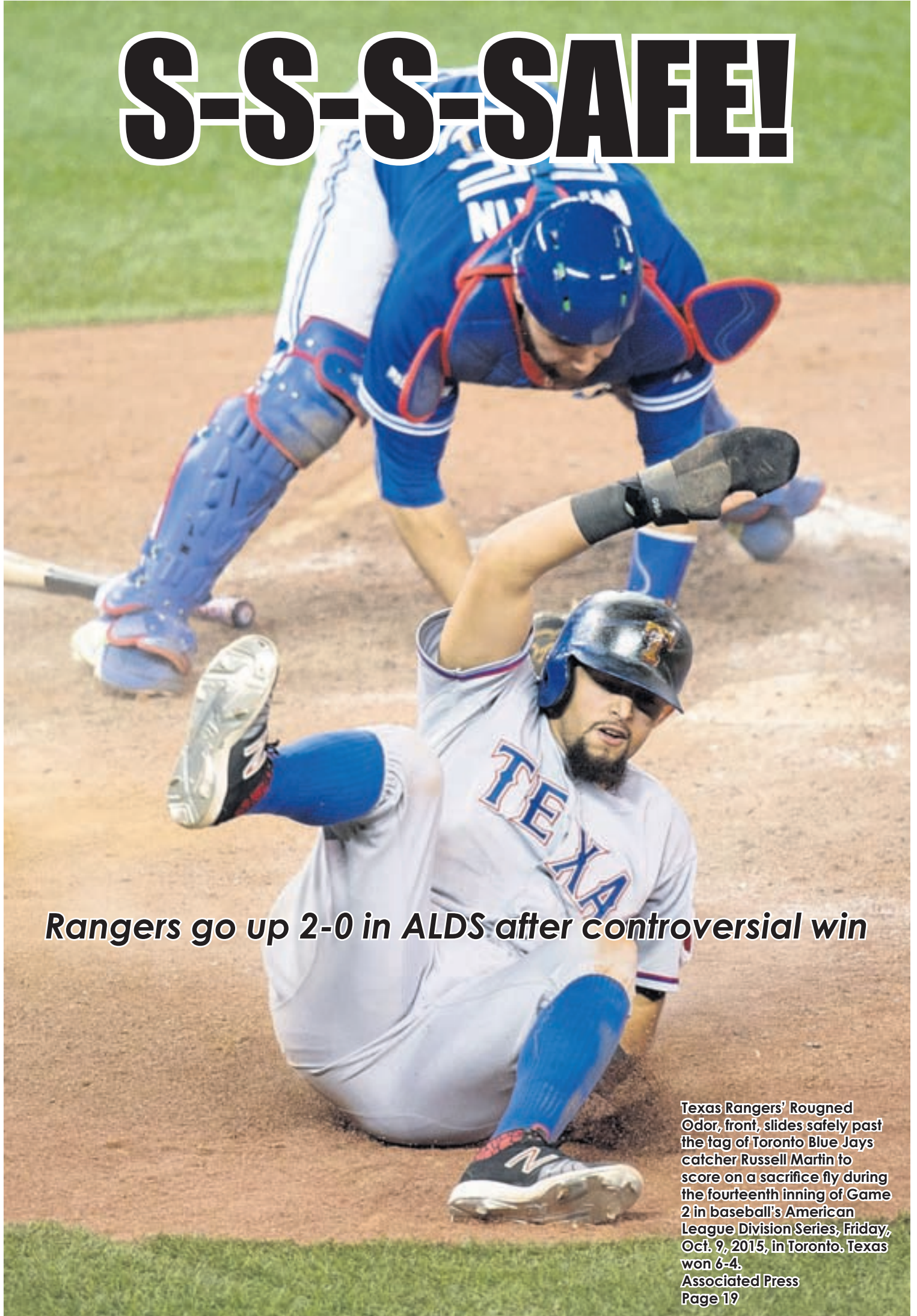
Novak Djokovic of Serbia reacts after winning a break point against John Isner of the United States during their men's singles quarterfinal match of the China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Stadium in Beijing, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015. Associated Press

Novak Djokovic extends streak to 27-0 at China Open, reaches semis

BEIJING (AP) — Novak Djokovic extended his winning streak to 27 matches at the China Open with a 6-2, 6-2 win over John Isner on Friday to secure a place in the semifinals. The top-ranked Djokovic has never lost a match at the tournament, and his victory over the big-serving American means he has won 23 consecutive sets. Relying on his outstanding return, Djokovic restricted Isner to just three aces. He didn't face a breakpoint, and only dropped nine points on his own serve. "Conditions didn't help him, didn't help his serve," Djokovic said. "I was feeling like I can get a lot of balls back in play and make him move, which was one of the intentions tactically in order to be successful today."

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Rangers go up 2-0 in ALDS after controversial win

Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor, front, slides safely past the tag of Toronto Blue Jays catcher Russell Martin to score on a sacrifice fly during the fourteenth inning of Game 2 in baseball's American League Division Series, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, in Toronto. Texas won 6-4. Associated Press Page 19

Phil Mickelson takes the blame for ball blunder

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

INCHEON, South Korea

(AP) — Phil Mickelson has played 49 matches in the 21 years since the Presidents Cup began.

And he learned something new Friday.

For starters, Mickelson was not aware of the one-ball rule in fourballs and singles matches, meaning that players can't change the model of their golf ball during the match. He also didn't realize that a match could go from all square to 2 up in just one hole.

"That's the first time I've ever heard of that happening," he said.

It turned out to be a costly mistake when Mickelson and Zach Johnson halved their fourballs match with Jason Day and Adam Scott, and that allowed the International team to pull within one point of the Americans going into Saturday.

There's rarely a dull moment around Mickelson, and that was the case Friday at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea. For the second straight day, he holed a bunker shot that helped to turn his match around. For the second straight day, tensions were high coming to the final green.

All that was overlooked because Mickelson didn't know the rules — and in this case, neither did the rules committee.



United States' Phil Mickelson hits off the second tee during his four ball match at the Presidents Cup golf tournament at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea, in Incheon, South Korea, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015.

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It was a double blunder, and it started when Mickelson reached into his bag for a golf ball with a slightly harder cover that he thought would help him reach the green in two on the par-5 seventh hole. Mickelson found the fairway and was sauntering to his ball when he noticed U.S. captain Jay Haas following them.

"I was talking with Jay and I just thought, 'Gosh, I'm going to ask. I'm sure it's not an issue,'" Mickelson said. "And it turns out that there was a one-ball rule and it

was an issue. As a player, you need to know that. You need to know the rules, and if you have a question, you do it beforehand."

No one knew the ramifications.

The penalty for violating the one-ball rule is called a one-hole adjustment, meaning the one hole is awarded to the other team.

But the rules committee erred when it told Mickelson that he was out of the hole, and Mickelson picked up his ball. Because the one-hole adjustment al-

ready had been assessed, Mickelson should have been able to finish the hole. He was in the fairway just over 290 yards from the hole, which he could have reached with a good shot. But he never got that chance. Day made birdie and won the hole, so the International team went 2 up heading to the eighth hole.

"The weird thing was I've never heard of a match adjustment penalty," he said. "I just thought, 'OK, if I hit the wrong ball, no big deal. Zach will cover

me on this hole' But obviously, that's not what happened."

Mark Russell, the senior vice president of rules and competition for the PGA Tour who took the blame for the mistake, said the committee could not go back and let Mickelson finish the hole because "allowing a correction could potentially undermine the strategy" with players on both teams having already hit their shots.

Mickelson had reason to be confused.

The Ryder Cup does not have a one-ball rule when it is played in America, nor does the PGA Championship. So he thought nothing of using a different ball, especially one day after a foursomes match (alternate shot) where teams can switch golf balls on every hole.

Asked to comment on his match, Mickelson smiled and said, "Zach and I had a very uneventful day. We walked away with a tie."

He took the blame, even though it was shared with the rules staff, saying that he never should have put the staff in that position if he had known the rule. And Mickelson wasn't bothered that his team had to settle for a halve.

"I feel like we spotted the International's best team two holes, and they still couldn't beat us," he said. "Just saying." □

Bernhard Langer takes 2-shot lead in SAS Championship

CARY, N.C. (AP) — Bernhard Langer shot a 7-under 65 in windy conditions Friday to take a two-stroke lead in the Champions Tour's SAS Championship. The 58-year-old German star had seven birdies in a bogey-free round at Prestonwood Country Club. He won the Senior Players Championship in June for his 24th victory on the 50-and-over tour.

"It was great not to make any bogeys because there's lots of opportunities to make bogeys," said Langer, the 2012 winner at Prestonwood. "I got off to a nice start with two bird-

ies right away. I played some solid golf, hit a lot of fairways, hit a lot of greens and gave myself some opportunities.

"I never really struggled for par. It was stressless golf in a sense where I just kept the ball in play and took my chances and made the odd putt here and there." Gene Sauers, John Rieger and Scott Dunlap shot 67, and Kenny Perry was another stroke back along with Tom Lehman, Duffy Waldorf, Kevin Sutherland, Rod Spittle, Greg Kraft and Olin Browne.

"It's one of the windier days I've played out here, so it

was a challenge right out of the box," Waldorf said. Langer is third in the Charles Schwab Cup points race, 388 points behind leader Colin Montgomerie and Jeff Maggert with four events left. Montgomerie was tied for 17th after a 70, and Maggert was tied for 36th after a 72. The tournament winner will get 315 points. Langer is trying to become the first three-time Cup winner after taking the season titles in 2010 and 2014.

Langer skipped the last Champions Tour event in September at Pebble Beach to play in the Euro-

pean's European Open at a course he designed in Germany.

"The goal is to draw closer to the two guys or maybe even pass them, but that's a big challenge," Langer said about Montgomerie and Maggert. "They're both very good golfers. They've had fantastic years. So, it's not going to be easy, but today was a good start." Maggert has a tour-high four victories this year, winning major titles in the Regions Tradition and U.S. Senior Open. Montgomerie successfully defended his title in the Senior PGA Championship. □

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Rangers beat Blue Jays in 14th, lead ALDS 2-0

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TORONTO (AP) -- Backup infielder Hanser Alberto singled home the go-ahead run in the 14th inning and the Texas Rangers beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 Friday for a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five American League Division Series.

The underdog Rangers will try to sweep the Blue Jays at home in Game 3 Sunday. Martin Perez will start for Texas against Marco Estrada.

Alberto, batting last and only in the lineup because star third baseman Adrian Beltre was out with a strained back, made an error that led to Toronto's first two runs. He delivered an RBI single with two outs in the 14th, and Delino DeShields followed with an infield hit for another run. Alberto, a 22-year-old rookie who made his big league debut this season, also had a sacrifice fly.

Texas shut out the highest-scoring team in the majors after the fifth inning. The victory for first-year manager Jeff Banister's team made road clubs 5-0 in the playoffs so far - the only previous time that happened in the postseason was the 1906 all-Chicago World Series, STATS said.

Keone Kela (1-0) worked one inning for the win, staying calm after a dustup with Toronto slugger Josh Donaldson.

Ross Ohlendorf, with an old-school, double-armed windup, finished for a save. The 33-year-old journey-



Texas Rangers' Hanser Alberto, left, celebrates a victory over the Toronto Blue Jays after the 14th inning of baseball Game 2 of the American League Division Series in Toronto, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015.

Associated Press

man picked up the first save of his major league career earlier this year.

Mike Napoli hit a tying single for Texas in the eighth. Another packed crowd at Rogers Centre that made a lot of noise early was quiet at the very end. Toronto, back in the postseason for the first time since winning the 1993 World Series, lost for the second straight day at home.

Roughed Odor hit a two-out single off LaTroy Hawkins (0-1) in the 14th but was nearly thrown out

after going too far around second base on a single by Chris Gimenez, with the call confirmed by replay review. That call proved pivotal when Alberto lined a single to center, sending Odor tumbling home.

After Liam Hendriks replaced Hawkins, DeShields beat out his hit.

Donaldson was back in the lineup after taking a knee to the head trying to break up a double play in the opener. He homered in his return.

Both benches and both bullpens briefly emptied

in the bottom of the 13th when Donaldson and Kela traded words after the slugger's deep foul went foul. Donaldson eventually struck out.

Toronto starter Marcus Stroman took a 4-3 lead into the eighth. He left after a lead-off single by DeShields, and Shin-Soo Choo put down a sacrifice bunt against Brett Cecil.

After Prince Fielder struck out, Napoli singled. Napoli had been 2 for 17 in his career against Cecil before the tying hit.

Napoli was caught in a run-

down to end the inning, but Cecil suffered a strained left calf and had to be helped off the field by the trainer.

Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton finished 0 for 6 and is hitless in his past 30 postseason at-bats.

Toronto put runners at first and second with two outs in the bottom of the 11th, but Troy Tulowitzki grounded out on the first pitch he saw from Sam Dyson.

Choo hit an RBI single in the first and a second run scored on a throwing error by catcher Russell Martin.

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Royals rally, beat Astros 5-4 to even ALDS at 1 game each

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

-- The Kansas City Royals whipped out the same formula that carried them to last year's World Series to turn back the Houston Astros and tie their AL Division Series at a game apiece. Some clutch hitting. Stingy defense. An unflappable bullpen.

Even a little help from replay.

"Just battling," first baseman Eric Hosmer said. "That's what this team does so well."

The Royals rallied from a three-run deficit Friday, getting a go-ahead single from Ben Zobrist in the seventh inning, and then watched Wade Davis and the bullpen make it stand in a 5-4 victory that brought back memories of their nip-and-tuck postseason of a year ago.

The Royals knotted the game at 4 off Scott Kazmir and relievers Oliver Perez and Josh Fields in the sixth. Kansas City took the lead in the seventh when Alcides Escobar led off with a triple against Will Harris (0-1) and Zobrist followed with his single through the left side.

Kelvin Herrera (1-0) and Ryan Madson each tossed a scoreless inning for the Royals, and Davis came on to close it - though the real drama was only beginning. Davis walked Preston Tucker with one out, and speedy Carlos Gomez came in as a pinch-runner. Davis snapped a throw



Kansas City Royals players, from left, Lorenzo Cain, Jarrod Dyson and Paulo Orlando celebrate after their 5-4 victory over the Houston Astros in Game 2 of baseball's American League Division Series, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015, in Kansas City, Mo.

to Hosmer at first, and he neatly snagged it on one hop as Gomez made a dive back to the bag. Gomez was initially ruled safe, but the call was overturned upon review.

"That play that Hos made on the pickoff, I don't know if there's a lot of first basemen that can make that play," Royals manager Ned Yost said. "It was tremendous."

Jose Altuve then grounded out to end it, giving Davis the save.

It was a crucial victory considering what awaits Kansas City in Game 3 on

Sunday: Astros ace Dallas Keuchel, who was 15-0 at home this season. Edinson Volquez will start for Kansas City.

"We were in position to win that game. Their bullpen did a very good job of shutting us down," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "We've got some work to do to win this series. It's going to be a good series. These are two really good teams."

Two starters acquired with October in mind, Kazmir and Royals counterpart Johnny Cueto, pitched mostly to a stalemate Fri-

day, which meant the outcome hinged on the bullpens. Kansas City's relief corps was simply better, preserving the first win by a home team this postseason.

"They compete," said Salvador Perez, who homered for the Royals. "Pretty good stuff."

Colby Rasmus homered, doubled and drove in two runs for Houston, becoming the first player in major league history with an extra-base hit in his first six postseason games. George Springer had a pair of RBIs after hitting a solo

shot in the series opener.

"Just to let it slip away late is kind of a downer," Astros reliever Tony Sipp said. "We had a lead late and let it slip away. We had the momentum going."

The Astros jumped on Cueto right from the start, just as they did Yordano Ventura in Game 1 on Thursday night. Rasmus doubled in a run in the first inning, and Springer added a two-run knock in the second as restless Royals fans began to shower their ace with boos.

Perez got one back for Kansas City with his homer to left in the bottom half, but Rasmus matched him with his third home run in three games this postseason.

Cueto finally settled in, but it looked as if it would be too late. Kazmir allowed a run in the third, but otherwise had Kansas City off balance until the sixth inning.

Still trailing 4-2, Lorenzo Cain got the Royals' tying rally started with a double, and Hinch called for Oliver Perez. He allowed back-to-back singles and a walk to leave the bases loaded for Fields, who walked Salvador Perez on four pitches to tie the game.

When the Royals took the lead the following inning, their shutdown bullpen made it stick.

"I'm happy we're going home," Hinch said. "We've got home-field advantage for the rest of this series. We have to take care of business in our own yard." □

Seattle Mariners fire Lloyd McClendon after 2 seasons

TIM BOOTH

The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP)

-- Given the opportunity that he didn't get in his previous stop as a general manager, Jerry Dipoto decided the best move for the Seattle Mariners was to bring in his own field boss from the start.

That was reasoning behind Dipoto's decision to fire manager Lloyd McClendon on Friday after two seasons. Instead of moving forward with someone who had differing baseball

views, Dipoto will start his tenure in Seattle with someone he chooses.

"Everything we do is as a group," Dipoto said. "This isn't an indictment of Lloyd. This is a representation of what we would like to build going forward. That is what we'll do."

McClendon's firing was far from a surprise and came less than a week after the Mariners concluded a disappointing 76-86 season. Seattle started the year with expectations of con-

tending in the AL West and reaching the postseason, but instead finished in fourth place in the division. Dipoto was hired during the final week of the regular season to replace Jack Zduriencik and said he would take his time evaluating whether McClendon would return. McClendon was under contract for the 2016 season.

Dipoto said he has great respect for McClendon but realized in meetings this week and last that

their baseball philosophies would not be the best match going forward.

"This was an opportunity to come into an organization and create a vision and I feel like this is the best way to do that," Dipoto said.

Dipoto came to Seattle after leaving behind a rocky relationship with the Angels and manager Mike Scioscia over the summer. Scioscia was already entrenched when Dipoto was hired in Los Angeles.

Rather than try to force a

relationship in Seattle, Dipoto will now be able to bring in someone he wants to work with, although he said the situation with the Angels didn't play heavily into his decision with McClendon.

"I thought through all the different angles, the way the clubhouse would be affected, the way the organization would be affected," Dipoto said. "I incorporated a number of people in making the decision and I'm comfortable with it." □

Surprise: Bengals are the unbeaten team vs Seattle



Cincinnati Bengals running back Jeremy Hill (32) reacts after scoring a touchdown in the second half of an NFL football game against the Kansas City Chiefs, Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015, in Cincinnati. Associated Press

BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the six remaining undefeated NFL teams will be on the field in Cincinnati on Sunday when Seattle visits. It's not the Seahawks.

Not only are the Bengals 4-0, they've been as impressive as any squad one-quarter into their schedule. They rank second in total offense, and only Atlanta and Arizona have scored more than Cincinnati's 121 points.

With Baltimore off to a weak start and Pittsburgh missing Ben Roethlisberger, the AFC North could be their domain.

Just don't bring that up with coach Marvin Lewis.

"The players have done what they've been asked to do and that's all we can be," he said. "They've been down these roads before, and four (wins) doesn't get you anything and they realize that."

"So we've just got to keep playing. The other people, I can't talk for. I don't understand what people expect us to be."

For years, they were expected to be the Bungles. That changed when Lewis came aboard in 2003. They've made the playoffs

four straight seasons, albeit exiting each time after one game.

Seattle's track record is a whole lot better as the Seahawks (2-2) seek a third straight Super Bowl trip. They come off a tight win against Detroit aided by a botched officiating call at the end, and they have severe pass protection issues. "There's a lot of ways for us here to get better obviously," said Seahawks coach Pete Carroll, whose team has rallied from an 0-2 start. "And that's really what our theme is, to continue to strive to find those ways, adjust things, and fix things so that we can be more efficient and more consistent. It hasn't been like we like it, but we're pleased to be getting on track, and the way the defense is playing gives us a chance every week."

The St. Louis Rams go to unbeaten Green Bay suddenly having some offensive weapons to go with their strong defense and pass rush. Wide receiver Tavon Austin became the first player in NFL history to have punt returns of 75 yards or longer in three straight seasons and is contributing in the passing game. Top draft pick Todd Gurley

ran for all but 40 of his 146 yards last week in the fourth quarter.

St. Louis will need all of that pass rush against the league's top passer, Aaron Rodgers. His string without being picked at home has reached 486 passes and 32 touchdowns. Since James Jones returned to Green Bay after the New York Giants cut him, he has been dynamic and has six receptions of 25-plus yards.

The Atlanta Falcons have scored 137 points, second in the league to Arizona, and, in a scheduling quirk, already are 3-0 against the NFC East. They've reached 4-0 overall for the first time since 2012, when the team finished 13-3 and advanced to the NFC Championship game.

The visiting Washington Redskins are the league's best overall on the ground, ranking first running it and second defending it. Albert Morris and Matt Jones are a solid combination in the backfield.

The Denver Broncos have won the past seven meetings with the Oakland Raiders, including all six with Peyton Manning at quarterback. Manning has led seven teams to a 4-0 start, easily the most in NFL his-

tory for a passer. But it's been the Denver defense, ranked atop the league, that has been most responsible for the perfect mark. With 18 sacks, the Broncos are on pace to tie the record of 72 held by the 1984 Chicago Bears, but the Raiders have allowed only five sacks.

Raiders kicker Sebastian Janikowski will set a franchise record with his 241st

career game.

Week 5 began on Thursday with Indianapolis' 27-20 victory in Houston. Filling in for the injured Andrew Luck, 40-year-old Matt Hasselbeck threw two touchdown passes to former Texans star Andre Johnson. The Colts extended their AFC South winning streak to an NFL-record 16 games. Houston is 1-4. □

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Johnson has 2 TD receptions, leads Colts over Texans 27-20

HOUSTON (AP) Matt Hasselbeck and Andre Johnson showed Thursday night that sometimes old guys can shine in what is certainly a young man's league. The 34-year-old Johnson caught two touchdown passes from the 40-year-old Hasselbeck, the second for 2 yards in the fourth quarter, to help the Indianapolis Colts beat the Houston Texans 27-20.

"You get over the age of 30 they kind of count you out," Johnson said. "But we proved to people that we could still play."

Released by Houston in March after 12 seasons with the team, Johnson had six catches for 77 yards.

The Colts (3-2) extended their AFC South winning streak to an NFL-record 16 games.

Hasselbeck was filling in for Andrew Luck, who missed his second straight game with a shoulder injury.

Hasselbeck's performance was even more impressive given the fact that he was battling a bacterial infection that hospitalized him this week. He started feeling ill just before halftime Sunday in a victory over Jacksonville and didn't start feeling better until Thursday night.



Houston Texans' Jaelen Strong (11) pulls in a pass for a touchdown against the Indianapolis Colts to tie the first half of an NFL football game Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, in Houston.

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"I honestly feel like this isn't even real right now," Hasselbeck said.

Coach Chuck Pagano raved about Hasselbeck.

"He was literally on his deathbed Monday/Tuesday and mustered up enough to come in Wednesday and prac-

tice," Pagano said. "He was getting IVs and fighting a virus and the grittiest performance I've seen in a long, long time."

Brian Hoyer, who replaced Ryan Mallett for Houston (1-4) in the second quarter, threw a pass up for grabs that was intercepted

by Mike Adams with less than 2 minutes left.

Johnson extended the lead to 27-17 with the 2-yard reception with about 10 1/2 minutes left. The Texans intercepted Hasselbeck's pass in the end zone earlier in that drive, but the play was negated because of defensive holding on Eddie Pleasant. A second penalty, this one for pass interference gave the Colts a first down at the 1.

Mallett got the wind knocked out of him on an illegal hit midway through the second quarter and was replaced by Hoyer. Mallett looked to be OK soon after that, but coach Bill O'Brien stuck with Hoyer. He finished with 312 yards passing with two touchdowns. Both of the touchdowns were to rookie Jaelen Strong and they came on his first two NFL receptions.

DeAndre Hopkins had 11 receptions for 169 yards for Houston.

"We're not happy obviously," J.J. Watt said. "But we're going to go back to work and figure it out."

Foster, who was shaken up in the second quarter but returned after halftime, had 44 yards rushing and 77 yards receiving in his second game back after

groin surgery.

The Colts opened the second half with a drive capped by Frank Gore's 3-yard touchdown that made it 20-10. Gore finished with 98 yards rushing. Strong's second catch and touchdown came on an 11-yard pass by Hoyer to get Houston to 20-17 in the third quarter.

Hoyer's desperation throw on the last play of the first half that Strong pulled down in a sea of Indianapolis defenders for a 42-yard touchdown strike that cut the lead to 13-10. Strong boxed out two defenders and outjumped the others to reel in his first NFL catch. Johnson entered the game without a catch in the last two games after having just one such game in his entire career in Houston. The Colts made sure that wouldn't happen again Thursday night, going to him early. He drew boos from the home crowd when he grabbed a 23-yard reception late in the first quarter. Two plays later, he scored his first touchdown of the season when he was wide open in the back of the end zone for 4-yard reception that made it 10-0.

"When I would be on the sidelines a lot of the fans were screaming, □

China Open

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Djokovic moved into a semifinal match against fourth-seeded David Ferrer, who beat wild-card entry Lu Yen-hsun 6-3, 6-1 to join fellow Spaniard Rafael Nadal in the last four. Third-seeded Nadal reached his first hard-court semifinal of the year by outlasting Jack Sock of the United States 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. After dropping serve twice in the opening set, Nadal only faced one more break point, which he saved.

"For sure, be in semifinals here is a very positive result for me in a very tough tournament, and be able to

at least play four matches here is great news for me," he said. Nadal had lost before the semifinals in seven previous hard-court tournaments. His last title on hard courts came in Doha, Qatar, in January 2014.

Next up for Nadal is Italy's Fabio Fognini, who has beaten him three times this season, including in the third round of the U.S. Open. Fognini advanced with a 6-1, 2-6, 6-2 win over Pablo Cuevas of Uruguay.

"When you play against a great player, especially if you don't play to your best, your chances are lower," Nadal said. "Fognini play better in the three matches that he beat me. I was not unhappy at all after the U.S. Open loss. I didn't play a



Novak Djokovic of Serbia watches his shot as he plays against John Isner of the United States in the men's singles quarterfinal match of the China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Stadium in Beijing, Friday, Oct. 9, 2015.

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very bad match."

In the women's quarterfinals, Switzerland's Timea Bacsinszky rebounded to

defeat Sara Errani of Italy 0-6, 6-3, 7-5 to move within one win of cracking the top 10 for the first time in her ca-

reer.

Errani was a point away from taking a 6-0, 3-0 lead in the match when Bacsinszky suddenly rallied to win nine of the next 10 games to take the second set and go up 3-0 in the third.

"I looked at my coach and I told him, 'Yeah, well, maybe it's going to be the first day when I'm going to get double bagel,'" Bacsinszky said about the possibility of losing 6-0, 6-0. "I was ready for that."

In other matches, fourth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland defeated Germany's Angelique Kerber 6-1, 6-4, and sixth-seeded Ana Ivanovic advanced with a 6-3, 7-5 win over Russia's Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova. □



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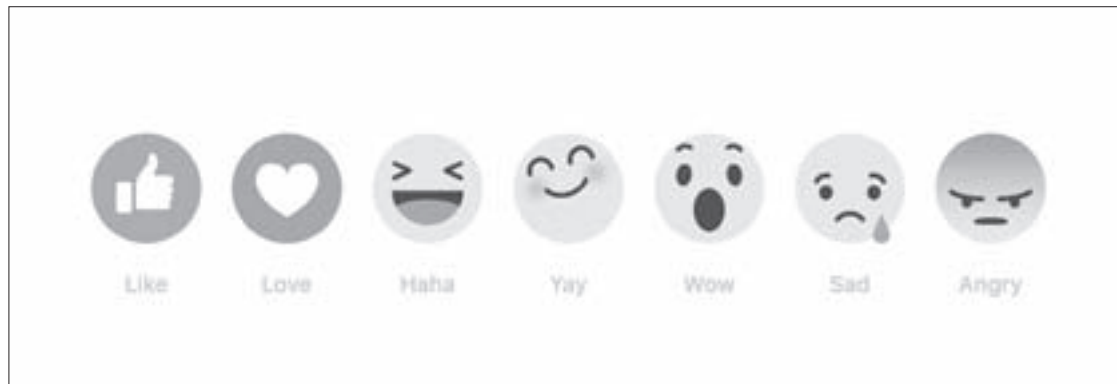
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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Sometimes "Like" just doesn't cut it. So how about Love or Angry? Haha or Sad? Or just Yay or Wow?

Facebook is going "Inside Out" on the Like button, adding a range of new emotional reactions to the iconic thumbs-up icon it launched in 2009.

You won't see the new emoji right away unless you live in Ireland or Spain, the two locations the Menlo Park, California-based social network chose to begin testing them on Friday. But Chris Cox, Facebook's chief product officer, says in a post that the company



This image provided by Facebook shows its newly introduced "Reactions" buttons. From left: like, love, haha, yay, wow, sad, and angry. Facebook is testing Reactions in Ireland and Spain starting Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015, with the hope of eventually rolling them out globally soon.

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plans to use the feedback from the test run to make improvements, with the hope of launching the buttons globally "soon."

Many Facebook users have been clamoring for the company to add a "Dis-

like" button for years, arguing that hitting the "Like" button in many instances — such as in reaction to a tragic news event — can seem a bit shallow, or even inappropriate.

At the same time, typing

out a thoughtful comment on a phone isn't always easy.

Cox says the company studied Facebook comments to see what reactions were most universally expressed through Face-

book and based the new buttons on that.

"As you can see, it's not a 'dislike' button, though we hope it addresses the spirit of this request more broadly," Cox's post reads.

In order to see the buttons — which are available in the iPhone, Android and desktop versions of Facebook used in Ireland and Spain — users can either long-press or hover over the "Like" button. The buttons will then appear for users to scroll through and select.

Counters underneath a post will track how many of each reaction the post has received, similar to how likes are tracked now. □

New California law extends privacy rights to electronic data

BREE FOWLER

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — California will require police to get a court order before they can search messages, photos and other digital data stored on phones or company servers in the nation's most-populous state.

Civil-liberties advocates called the new law that takes effect Jan. 1 an important advance and said it highlights the need for similar protections at the national level.

The California Electronic Communications Privacy Act was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown on Thursday. It's only the third of its kind in the U.S.

While some states guarantee some of its protections, only Maine and Utah previously had comprehensive laws on the books, noted Hanni Fakhoury, senior staff attorney for the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

"It's an expansive bill and this being California, it covers a lot of people," Fakhoury said of the state with a population of about 39 million. "It's an important thing and a good development."

The digital rights group, along with the American Civil Liberties Union, news organizations and tech companies, worked for the bill's passage. They argued that previous California law

dating back to the 1980s was in desperate need of an update given the dramatic changes in the digital world.

But the bill's opponents, including several California police groups, argued that the measure would hamper the ability of law enforcement to investigate child pornographers and others who commit crimes online.

Law-enforcement requests for people's electronic information, particularly from technology companies such as Google and Twitter, have skyrocketed in recent years, said Nicole Ozer, technology and civil liberties policy director for



In this Sept. 15, 2015 file photo, California Gov. Jerry Brown speaks during the White House-organized U.S.-China Climate Leaders Summit, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

the ACLU of California. Previously, all that was generally needed to get the information was a subpoena. Now, under the new law, a warrant will be required in most cases.

"It really is a true update of privacy law for the digital world, making sure that sensitive information about who we are, and where we go, and what we do, and who we know is protected from government intrusion," Ozer said.

She added that "hopefully

this will send an important message to Congress to make sure all that all Americans have these important, updated privacy protections."

Advocates have tried to pass legislation at the national level for years without any success. The Email Privacy Act, a proposed update to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, has 300 sponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives, but its future remains unclear. □

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Wall Street closes out the best week of the year, pushed by airlines, industrials

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NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market closed out its best week this year with a modest gain on Friday, helped by airlines and industrial companies. Investors now turn their focus to corpo-

rate earnings, which pick up steam next week with most of the nation's largest banks report their results, as well as big companies like Intel, Netflix, UnitedHealth and General Electric. Earnings are expected to be down roughly 5.5 percent

from the September Fed meeting showed policy-makers are too concerned about low inflation and the slowdown in China to raise interest rates. "In short, we found little to change our view that the first Fed hike will not oc-

cur in 2015 (and the) market has reached the same conclusion," wrote Ajay Rajadhyaksha, head of fixed-income at Barclays, in a report. One sector that did push higher was airlines. The companies said they flew nearly full flights last month, an important profit driver for the industry. United Continental flew flights on average 82.9 percent full; while American Airlines reported its flights were 82.7 percent full. United Continental rose 6.6 percent, American rose 6.7 percent, JetBlue Airways and Southwest Airlines added 3 percent each. One industrial company that did not do well was Alcoa, the aluminum company, which fell 75 cents, or 7 percent, to \$10.26. The company reported a steep drop in profits for its third quarter, citing lower aluminum prices and a strong U.S. dollar. Investors are now positioning themselves for corpo-



Jay Woods, with Goldman Sachs, center, works with other stock traders at the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market closed out its best week this year with a modest gain on Friday, helped by airlines and industrial companies.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

rate earnings, which will start to pick up next week. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 33.74 points, or 0.2 percent, to 17,084.49. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.46 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,014.89 and the Nasdaq composite rose 19.68 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,830.47. The S&P 500 ended the week up 3.3 percent, its best week since mid-December. Global markets also had a strong week, with markets in Germany and France rising more than 5 percent. In Asia, markets in Japan, China and Hong Kong are up roughly 4 percent each. Most of the gains this week came immediately following the release of last week's disappointing jobs report, which sent a signal to investors that the Federal Reserve would hold pat on raising interest rates at least for several more months. That signal was reinforced Thursday, when the minutes

from a year ago, according to FactSet, mostly because of a sharp drop in commodity prices. "Earnings are going to dominate the next few weeks. Once we get guidance from Corporate America, investors will be reasonably more confident about getting back into the market," said Bob Doll, chief equity strategist at Nuveen Asset Management. The price of U.S. oil edged higher Friday. Benchmark crude oil rose 20 cents to close at \$49.63 a barrel in New York. Brent Crude, which is used to price international oils, slipped 40 cents to \$52.65 a barrel in London. In other futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, wholesale gasoline rose 0.9 cents to close at \$1.417 a gallon. Heating oil fell 1.1 cents to close at \$1.591 a gallon and natural gas rose 0.4 cents to close at \$2.502 per 1,000 cubic feet. □

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2 Fed officials think that data will justify rate hike this year

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WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a question whose answer seems to be in constant flux: When will the Federal Reserve finally raise interest rates?

Two voting members of the Fed's policy committee weighed in Friday with a similar view: That a rate hike remains likely by the end of 2015 but that any Fed decision will depend on how the economy fares between now and then.

William Dudley, president of the Fed's New York regional bank, and Dennis Lockhart, president of the Atlanta Fed, said that despite pressures from abroad, they thought the economy would keep performing at a solid enough pace to justify a rate hike at one of the Fed's final two meetings of the year. Still, Dudley and Lockhart both cautioned that they would closely monitor the economic data to determine whether and when to endorse a rate increase.

A third Fed official, Charles Evans, president of the Chicago Fed, also spoke Friday and delivered a more cautionary message: He urged the Fed to remain patient because inflation remains well below its 2 percent target.

"Before raising rates, I would like to have more confidence than I do today that inflation is indeed beginning to move higher," Evans said in a speech in Milwaukee, urging an "extra-patient approach" to rate policy.

Evans is among the Fed's "doves" — officials who worry more about threats from economic weakness than do "hawks," who focus more on the risk that inflation could run too high.

The mixed messages delivered Friday won't resolve the uncertainty that has seized investors over whether the Fed will start raising rates from record lows by year's end. Dudley did signal that while a rate hike at the Oct. 27-28 meeting remains theoretically possible, any increase would more likely occur at the Dec. 15-16 meeting.

"Have we seen enough information between September and October to convince us to do in October what we didn't do in September?" Dudley said. "That would be the question I would ask."

Lockhart noted that the Fed will have much more economic data available in December to help make a decision. The data will include jobs reports for October and November, inflation data for September and October and the government's first two estimates of economic growth in the July-September quarter.

Two more job reports may be critical in making the decision. The most recent employment report showed that employers cut back sharply on hiring in September and added fewer jobs in July and August than previous thought.

Dudley suggested that other reports on the economy painted a brighter picture.

"If you look at the U.S. economy right now, you see a pretty strong domestic economy," he said. The trouble, he said, is that this strength is being offset somewhat by global weakness, including a slowdown in China, and a stronger U.S. dollar, which is hurting U.S. exports.

Lockhart also acknowledged recent weakness in economic data. He noted that these reports followed a turbulent August in which concerns about China's slowdown sent stock prices plunging.

"While I have not changed my basic outlook, very recent data have not provided much confirmation that my narrative still holds," Lockhart said in a New York speech to the annual meeting of the Society of AmericanBusiness Editors and Writers. □

Glencore group shares storm ahead on zinc cutback news

PAN PYLAS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Shares in commodities group Glencore rose strongly Friday after the company said it is slashing its zinc production by a third and cutting jobs in response to a sharp fall in the price of the metal.

The move — which will involve a cut in annual zinc production by 500,000 tons in Australia, South America

and Kazakhstan — is the latest response by the Switzerland-based company to the slide in commodity prices that has raised concerns over Glencore's underlying business model.

Investors responded positively and Glencore shares closed up 7 percent in London at 129 pence.

Glencore's announcement also helped zinc prices rise, as global production of the

metal will fall by around 4 percent. Other miners rallied too, such as Rio Tinto, which rose around 3 percent. And on the London Metal Exchange, zinc, which is used widely to rust-proof steel or iron, rose by around 10 percent. Others metals rose in its slipstream stoking some market talk that battered commodity prices may enjoy a rebound over the coming

weeks. "One side of the commodity story has been abundantly clear, with demand falling sharply as Chinese economic activity slows," said Joshua Mahony, market analyst at IG. "Today's announcement begins to bring the supply side into stark relief and could provide further interest in beleaguered commodity prices."

Despite Friday's rise, Glen-

core's stock is way down from when it floated in 2011 at 530 pence. The selling pressure has accentuated in recent weeks as investors fretted over the impact of falling commodity prices on earnings and the company's ability to meet its debt repayments amid low commodity prices. On one day alone last month, Glencore's share price plunged by around a third. □

SABMiller meets with investors amid takeover attempt

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — SABMiller met with investors Friday to underscore its strength as an independent company, as the world's second-biggest brewer seeks to head off a takeover by larger rival Anheuser-Busch InBev. SABMiller said the meetings focused on the company's accelerating growth and a stepped up cost-cutting program that will target \$1.05 billion of savings by March 2020, more than double the previous goal of \$500 million by 2018.

"We are continuing to remove duplication across markets, bringing specialist expertise in areas like procurement under one roof, and standardizing common processes," CEO Alan Clark said in a statement. "It results in our markets being freed up to concentrate on what they do best — growing revenue with local consumers and customers."

The announcement comes

two days after SABMiller rejected a 68 billion pound (\$104 billion) takeover bid from AB InBev, the Belgium-based company that makes Budweiser. The offer of 42.15 pounds a share is 11 percent more than AB InBev's initial proposal and 28 percent higher than SABMiller's stock price before the bid was announced Sept. 16. AB InBev is trying to create what it calls "the first truly global beer company" by combining its business, which is focused on the Americas and Western Europe, with SABMiller's brands in Africa and Eastern Europe. The deal would create a company with 31 percent of the global beer market.

Tensions surrounding the proposal have risen in recent days, with SABMiller Chairman Jan du Plessis saying that AB InBev was "very substantially undervaluing" his company.

In response, AB InBev CEO Carlos Brito accused SAB-



Bottles of Budweiser beer are on display at the Stag Brewery in London. SABMiller met with investors Friday to underscore its strength as an independent company, as the world's second-biggest brewer seeks to head off a takeover by larger rival Anheuser-Busch InBev.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

Miller's board of refusing "to meaningfully engage with us." On Thursday, he appealed directly to SABMiller shareholders, asking them to "voice their views"

and not "let this opportunity slip away."

Altria Group, SABMiller's largest shareholder, said Thursday that it supports AB InBev's offer and believes

the merger "would create significant value." Altria, whose companies include cigarette-maker Phillip Morris USA, owns 27 percent of SABMiller.

Gap shares fall on disappointing sales at Banana Republic

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NEW YORK (AP) — The creative director for Gap's Banana Republic brand is stepping down after 18 months in that role.

The move announced late Thursday evening comes as the chain, which also operates Old Navy and Gap stores, reported a sharp drop for a key revenue measure in September for the upscale brand. It marked the third-straight month of declines that were all in the double dig-

its.

Marissa Webb, who was hired to re-energize the Banana Republic brand and is known for her oversized jackets, will transition into a creative-adviser role "affording her more time to focus on her own collection," Gap Inc. said in a statement. The company said that it will continue to be a minority investor in Webb's label M Webb LLC. The move will be effective Oct. 16.

The San Francisco-based retailer also offered a dis-

appointing outlook on profitability for the current quarter.

Its stock fell \$1.50, or 5.2 percent, to \$27.45 during after-market trading. Through the close of regular-session trading Thursday, the stock is down 31 percent since the beginning of the year. The personnel change marks the second big management change in a week. It underscores the latest challenge facing Art Peck, the company's CEO who took over the helm of Gap in February to turn

around the business.

Last week, Gap announced that its Old Navy President Stefan Larsson, had resigned and is taking the CEO job at Ralph Lauren Corp. Larsson, who took over the top spot at Old Navy three years ago, spearheaded the brand's growth and has made it a star of its portfolio.

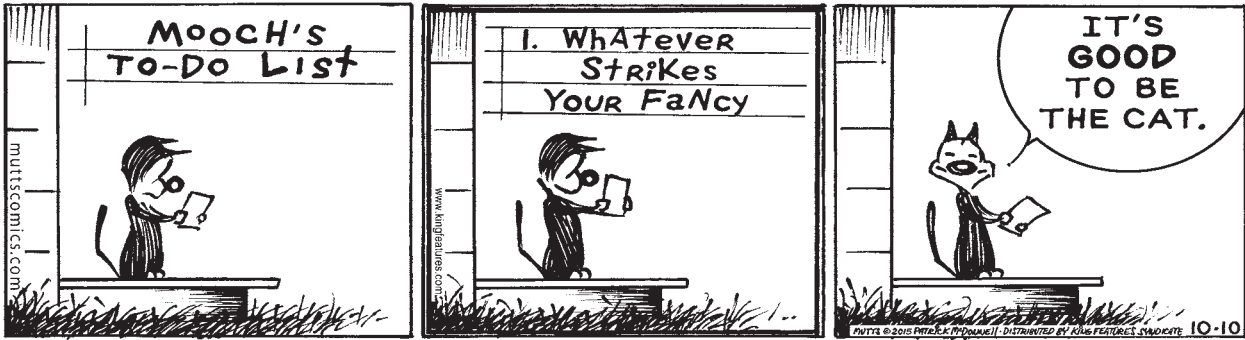
The company has long been struggling to turn around its Gap name-sake business and improve business at Banana Republic. And executives

had said they wanted to use Old Navy as a model for performance.

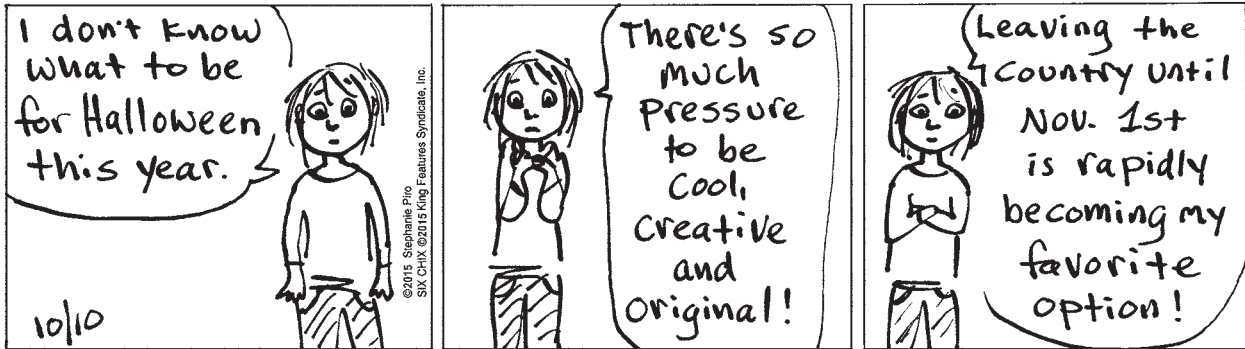
Sales in stores open at least one year were flat at Gap stores, but fell 10 percent in Banana Republic in September. At Old Navy, the measure rose 4 percent.

The San Francisco company said in a pre-recorded call that women's clothing sales "unexpectedly decelerated" at Banana Republic in September. Banana Republic is currently discounting its merchandise by 40 percent. □

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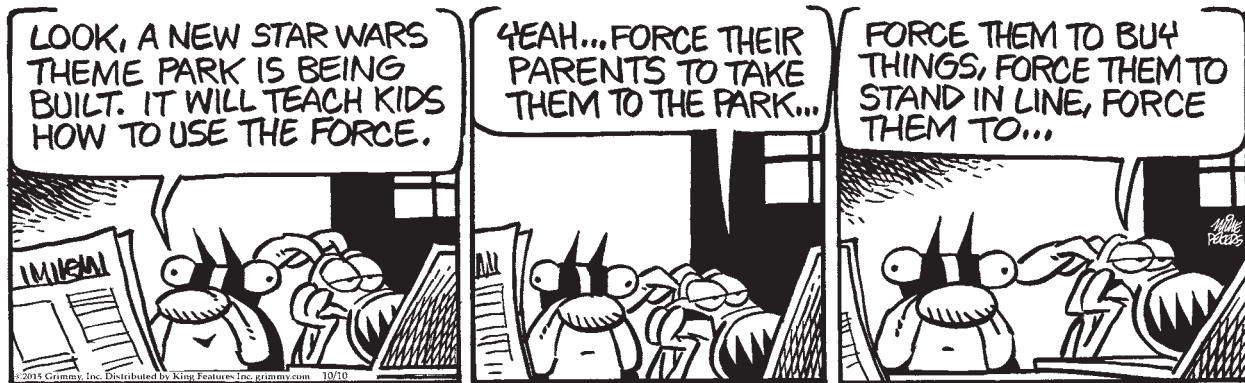
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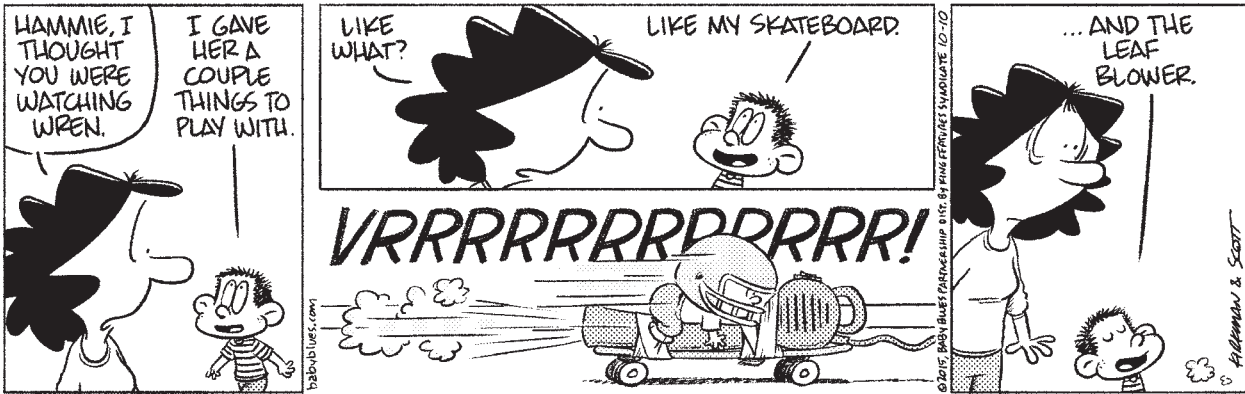
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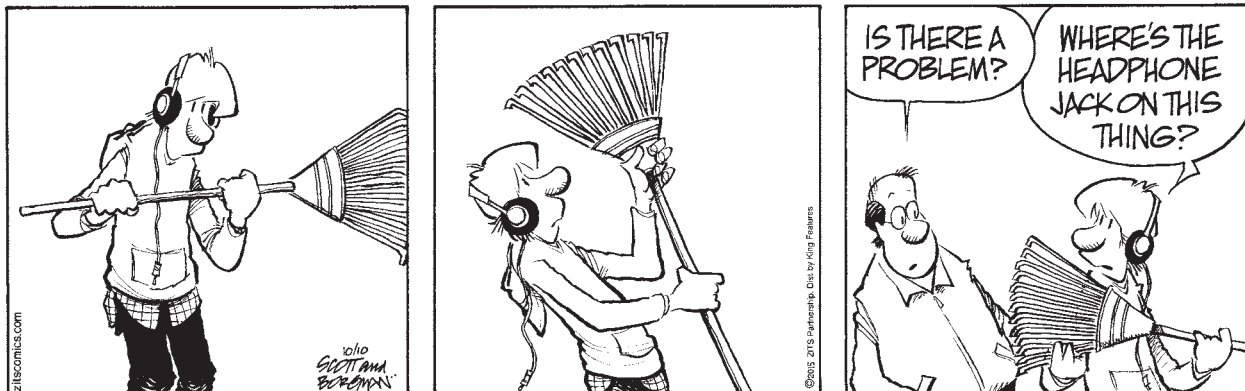
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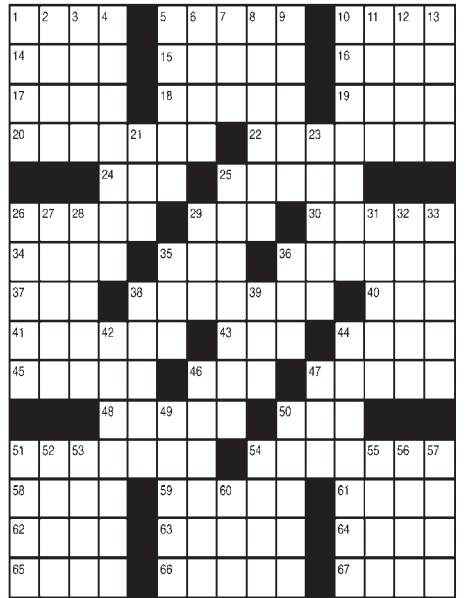
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38 Send payment
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- Ciera
44 Motormouth
46 In a light and breezy way
47 Give a nickname to
49 Carve slanted edges
50 Warsaw folks

- 51 Close noisily
52 City in Texas
53 Arden & Plumb
54 Fence opening
55 Outdoor feast
56 Blunders
57 Pay a landlord
60 Paver's need

Expats

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Most of the 224,000 foreigners living in Bangladesh work for embassies, aid groups or one of the many international clothing retailers that are part of the \$25 billion garment industry, a pillar of the economy. Several countries, including the U.S., the Netherlands and Spain, have asked their embassy staff to stay away from crowded places and travel in covered vehicles.

Twelve foreigners approached for comment this week declined to speak with The Associated Press for fear of drawing attention to themselves.

Bangladeshi business consultant Shoaib Aziz said his Japanese wife was "upset and not feeling comfortable" about returning home from Japan, while many of his clients including Japanese businesses "are delaying their planned tour of Bangladesh. They have factories here, but are waiting and rescheduling."

Medical equipment importer Nur Ahmed, who frequently visits foreign clubs including the U.S. Embassy's American Club, said they were emptying early as foreigners head home before dark.

The government insists it has the situation under control, and has sent officials to reassure diplomats and pledged increased security.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has built her reputation on promises of cracking down on radicals, banning six hard-line militant groups while police arrested dozens of suspected members in recent years.

While the government is secular and traditionally moderate, the emergence of Islamist political groups has created a clear divide between moderates and radicals and contributed to political instability.

U.S. Ambassador Marcia Bernicat said this week that embassy staff felt safer after the government's reassurances. She praised Hasina's "zero tolerance" of terrorism and said "we have everything we need to fight the emergence" of the Islamic State group in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh has been struggling with a rising tide of radical Islam. At least four secular bloggers and online activists have been hacked to death with meat cleavers this year in attacks claimed by groups linked with the banned Ansarullah Bangla Team.

This week, a Christian pastor survived a knife attack by youths allegedly aligned with Islamic militants.

Bangladesh cannot afford a reputation as a hotbed of Islamic extremism. Its economy depends on the garment industry that supplies international clothing brands. □

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Why is elephant cancer rare? Answer might help treat humans

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AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Cancer is much less common in elephants than in humans, even though the big beasts' bodies have many more cells. That's a paradox known among scientists, and now researchers think they may have an explanation — one they say might someday lead to new ways to protect people from cancer.

Compared with just one copy in humans, elephants' cells contain 20 copies of a major cancer-suppressing gene, two teams of scientists report. The gene helps damaged cells repair themselves or self-destruct when exposed to cancer-causing substances.

The findings aren't proof that those extra p53 genes make elephants cancer-resistant, but if future research confirms it, scientists could try to develop drugs for humans that would mimic the effect.

Dr. Joshua Schiffman, a pediatric cancer specialist at the University of Utah who led one of the teams, began his research after hearing a lecture a few years ago about Peto's paradox. That refers to the fact that large animals including elephants and whales, have comparatively low cancer rates even though they have many more cells than smaller species. Cancer involves uncontrolled cell growth.

The lecture speaker mentioned that elephants seemed to have extra copies of the p53 gene. Schiffman's patients include children with incomplete p53 genes because of a condition called Li-Fraumeni syndrome, which greatly increases their chances of developing cancer. So Schiffman sought to find



In this Thursday, Oct. 1, 2015 photo, an elephant crosses a road in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe, about 700 kilometres south west of Harare.

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clues from the blood of eight elephants, Ringling Bros. circus animals and local zoo animals.

His team — as well as a second group of scientists — pinned down the size of the elephants' surplus — 20 copies. The second team found many other species have only one copy, just like humans.

Schiffman and his colleagues compared how elephant cells reacted to radiation, compared with cells from 10 healthy humans and 10 patients with Li-Fraumeni syndrome.

The elephant cells self-destructed at twice the rate of healthy human cells and more than five times the

rate of cells from patients with the syndrome. Cells that don't self-repair or self-destruct when exposed to carcinogens become prone to developing cancer.

The work was published Thursday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Judy Garber, director of cancer genetics and prevention at Dana-Farmer Cancer Institute in Boston, said the research is intriguing but preliminary. While the research won't lead to any immediate treatment for humans, progress against cancer can come "from unexpected directions," said Dr. Ted

Gansler of the American Cancer Society. He noted that studies of eyelid and tooth development in mice led to drugs used for colon cancer, throat cancer, and several other cancers.

Schiffman's team also analyzed necropsy data and found that elephants sometimes live as long as humans, yet only about 1 in 20 die of cancer, versus about 1 in 4 humans.

The second group of researchers, working with frozen zoo specimens, looked at more than 60 other species and found only elephants and woolly mammoths, their extinct relatives, had extra copies of the cancer-suppressing

gene.

This team inserted elephants' p53 genes into mouse cells and found that those cells behaved just like elephants and self-destructed when exposed to DNA-damaging drugs, said co-author Vincent Lynch, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Chicago. His study is under review for publication and was released online this week.

Schiffman's team is seeking funding for research into possible treatments based on the elephant research. While studies in humans are at least several years away, "we certainly think we've found something very intriguing," Schiffman said. □

Steve Jobs plays dual role of hero, villain in the movies

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** —

Apple co-founder Steve Jobs became renowned for conjuring a "reality distortion field" that made people believe whatever he wanted.

If he were still around, it's easy to imagine that Jobs would be summoning all his powers of persuasion to protect a legacy that's getting muddled with each cinematic take on his fascinating life.

"Steve Jobs," which opened Friday, is the latest movie to examine a charismatic visionary who mesmerized the masses with his trendsetting gadgets while alienating his subordinates and friends with an almost-inhumane cruel streak.

It's the second movie about a Silicon Valley icon written by Aaron Sorkin, who won an Academy Award in 2011 for "The Social Network," a dramatization of the friends and enemies that Mark Zuckerberg made while building Facebook into an Internet power.

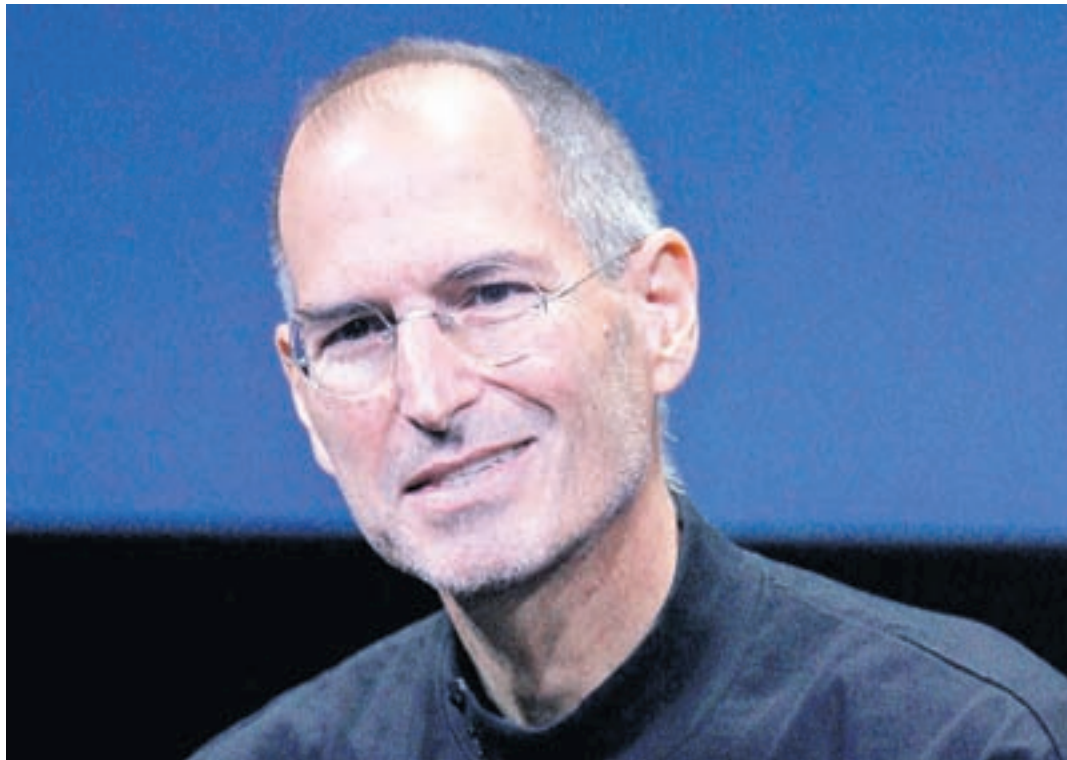
Zuckerberg, now 31, ridiculed that movie as mostly fiction and publicly lamented, "I just wished that nobody made a movie of me while I was still alive."

Jobs' supporters probably won't be happy with Sorkin's posthumous interpretation of Jobs either, even though previously released movies have drawn similar portraits depicting him as an acid-dropping hippie turned megalomaniacal genius who berated and betrayed people.

Here's a look at how the latest biopic compares with some of its predecessors:

"STEVE JOBS" (2015)

This is the most provocative and best acted of the bunch, spearheaded by Michael Fassbender, who stars as Jobs. The story unfolds in a much different format, but the overriding message is the same: Jobs was a tortured soul who tortured those around him while striving to design machines that were made



In this Oct. 14, 2008 file photo, Apple CEO Steve Jobs smiles during a product announcement at Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif.

Associated Press.

better than he was.

The film, based loosely on a best-selling book by Jobs' hand-picked biographer Walter Isaacson, unfolds in three acts that take place before three presentations orchestrated by Jobs: the 1984 debut of the Macintosh computer; a 1988 showcase for the NeXT computer; and the 1998 unveiling of the iMac.

None of the pre-event scenes or dialogue actually occurred, but the drama is designed to capture the relentless drive and haunting demons that made

Jobs who he was. Director Danny Boyle describes the movie as a "heightened version of real life" while Sorkin calls it a "painting and not a photograph."

The story is told through Jobs' interactions with six central figures in his life: his former marketing chief, Joanna Hoffman; his former girlfriend Chrisann Brennan; Apple co-founder and friend Steve Wozniak; former Apple engineer Andy Hertzfeld; former Apple CEO John Sculley; and Lisa, the daughter that Jobs refused to acknowledge for

many years.

Wozniak (played by Seth Rogen) delivers two of the film's pivotal lines when he tells Jobs, "Your products are better than you are," and "You can be decent and gifted at the same time."

"JOBS" (2013)

Ashton Kutcher didn't get an Oscar nomination for his interpretation of Jobs like some critics are already predicting Fassbender will get, but give Kutcher credit for nailing a lot of the real man's mannerisms, includ-

ing the loping way he walked.

The movie picks up on Jobs' life as a bare-foot, shaggy dropout at Reed College in Oregon and follows the path that led to him teaming up with Wozniak to start Apple in 1976, recruiting Sculley to become CEO, leaving Apple in a power struggle, and returning to engineer the greatest comeback story in corporate history.

Along the way, the movie features scenes showing Jobs ripping off Wozniak on a job for video-game maker Atari; denying stock to early Apple employees who were once his friends; and berating Apple workers. Shortly before Sculley ousts Jobs from Apple, a tearful Wozniak (played by Josh Gad) wonders what happened to the friend he knew when they were making illegal boxes to make free long-distance phone calls. "You are the beginning and end of your own world," Wozniak tells Jobs. This movie ends on an upbeat note, with Kutcher, as Jobs, narrating "Here's To the Crazy Ones," a famous TV commercial that ran as part of Apple's "Think Different" campaign. (Although Jobs did record a version of this bit, Apple wound up airing a version narrated by actor Richard Dreyfuss.) □

YouTube star Rachel Bloom is CW's 'Crazy Ex-Girlfriend'

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The music video star is dressed right, in a low-cut catsuit that leaves little to the imagination. But her body language, as guided by the director, is somehow off. "Can you please do the same thing, but grinding your pelvis a little?" he courteously asks, resulting in what can only be described as a geek's version of sexually provocative poses. And when it comes to the empowered-woman pop song that Rachel Bloom is performing, something is definitely amiss.

"You've been tested for STDs, tell me please," she

sings, breathily. "Waited the three-month window and got tested again. Most people don't know that."

The off-kilter video is part of the world of CW's "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," starring comedian, actress and YouTube star Bloom. The debut episode, airing 8 p.m. EDT Monday, is a creative tour de force and the fall TV season's standout.

Showtime, which rejected the series, takes the loss and CW gets the win, a mate for its equally smart "Jane the Virgin" and the network's chance to expand its audience beyond the DC Comics and sci-fi-fantasy crowd now served

by shows including "The Flash" and "Supernatural." "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" is a musical comedy vehicle that manages to be both emotionally hefty and light on its feet, with credit due to zippy writing; the wickedly, sometimes raunchily funny music videos woven into each episode, and its leading lady's magnetism. Bloom, 28, made an online splash with satirical videos including the animated "Historically Accurate Disney Princess Song" and "You Can Touch My Boobies," a pre-teen boy's fevered fantasy. She makes an effortless transition to breakout TV star in the

CW's hour-long series.

The premise: Rebecca Bunch, a successful but deeply unhappy young New York lawyer, throws over her career after deciding that fate has decreed she reconnect with the boyfriend, Josh (Vincent Rodriguez III), who threw her over years ago. With little encouragement from the man of her neurotic dreams, she pursues Josh from Manhattan to the West Coast, sort of. He lives in an inland Southern California suburban community, the real-world, unglamorous West Covina, possibly in its first leading role. □

Prince serenades Madonna at Paisley Park party

CHANHASSEN, Minn. (AP)

— Some lucky music fans got to see two icons in the same room early Friday, as Prince performed for Madonna at Paisley Park. Minnesota Public Radio reports that about 30 Prince fans were summoned to Paisley Park late Thursday for something "extra special."

The group was dancing to a mix of Prince and 1980s pop tunes when Madonna walked in, hours after performing in St. Paul as part of her Rebel Heart Tour. Her professional dancers and tour crew joined the dance party, and Madonna disappeared.



Pop superstar Madonna performs at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn. on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2015.

Associated Press

She emerged later, followed by Prince. He took the stage and played a funky set, as Madonna sat on the edge of the stage at his feet. Minnesota Public Radio reports that Madonna looked up at him adoringly as he sang. □

Nick Jonas, Rick Ross, Meek Mill added to Tidal concert

NEW YORK (AP)

— Nick Jonas and rappers Rick Ross, Meek Mill and French Montana have been added to the Tidal X concert in October, concert organizers announced Friday.

Previously announced artists include Tidal-owners Beyonce and Jay-Z, as well as Prince, Nicki Minaj, Usher, Lil Wayne, Damian Marley, Thomas Rhett.

The concert, "TIDAL X: 1020 Amplified by HTC," will be held at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York, on Oct. 20 and will be livestreamed.



In this Sept. 19, 2015 file photo, Nick Jonas performs at Day 2 of the 2015 iHeartRadio Music Festival in Las Vegas, Nev.

Associated Press

The music and video streaming platform has been struggling to compete with services like Spotify since it was launched this year. □

Snoop Dogg, Jermaine Dupri to star in new BET reality series

NEW YORK (AP) — Rappers Snoop Dogg and Birdman, Grammy-winning producer Jermaine Dupri, and entrepreneur Damon Dash are among the stars of a still-untitled BET reality series, the network announced Friday.

The show, which is set to start shooting in Los Angeles in November for release

in late 2016, will go inside their lives and their companies over eight episodes, investigating how they balance the professional and the personal at the top of the hip-hop world. Lemuel Plummer, whose credits include "Preachers of Atlanta" and "Preachers of L.A.," is the executive producer for the show. □

New York theater named after stage and TV actor John Cullum



In this April 18, 2013 file photo, John Cullum attends the premiere of "Adult World" during the 2013 Tribeca Film Festival in New York.

Associated Press

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AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP)

— Two-time Tony Award-winner John Cullum has gotten the ultimate stage honor — a theater named after him. The American Theatre of Actors and The Arca Group said Friday that the off-Broadway repertory theater company's largest venue, on 54th Street in Manhattan, will be renamed in Cullum's honor on Oct. 16.

Cullum, 85 and ever bashful, said Friday he felt overwhelmed and added it was a little spooky. "People who get theaters named

after them are usually dead," he said, laughing. The renaming of the 140-seat Chernuchin Theater will take place, fittingly, following a performance of "Urinetown" by the Fracture Theatre Co. The Chernuchin was the theater where "Urinetown," starring Cullum, began before later going to Broadway. "I can't think of a more appropriate theater for me. I feel right at home in that theater," said Cullum, best known on TV as the bartender Holling in "Northern Exposure."

The actor said he'll find it hard to resist visiting his new theater. "They'll probably call on me to do a few things, and if I can do them I'll try to help out there — and try to live up to my reputation," Cullum said. "It's a totally new experience for me."

Cullum recalled joining the "Urinetown" company at American Theatre of Actors in 2001, with all the actors and actresses sharing the same dressing room, separated by a sheet. "It was a very close-knit company. In fact, it was too close," he said. "We all got to know each other very well."

He said initially he was

treated coolly by the "Urinetown" company. He was getting strange stares and no one would talk to him. The director, John Rando, then told him they felt surprised the Tony-winner was doing this off-beat satirical, off-Broadway musical. "I said, 'Listen, this is going to be a hit,'" he said. "They didn't think a star would do it."

Cullum received Tony Awards for "On The Twentieth Century" and "Shenandoah." His other credits include "Casa Valentina," "110 in the Shade," "Show Boat" and "The Scottsboro Boys."

The American Theatre of Actors consists of 50 actors, 20 playwrights and 10 directors. Among the stars who have worked there are Dennis Quaid, Bruce Willis, Danny Aiello, Dan Lauria, Chazz Palminteri, Kevin Spacey and Edie Falco.

After the theater company officials informed Cullum that they wanted to name one of their three theaters after him, the actor told them he would accept only if they took time to reconsider the honor.

"I said, 'I just want to give you the chance to back out on this,'" he said. □

Actor Daniel Craig: I'm over James Bond



In this Wednesday Feb. 18, 2015 file photo, actor Daniel Craig poses during a photo call for the latest James Bond movie 'Spectre', in Rome.

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Actor Daniel Craig has said he wants to move on from the

James Bond franchise and that, for now, he would rather slit his wrists than do

another Bond movie.

In an interview with Time Out magazine, in which he was asked whether he could imagine doing another Bond film, Craig said: "Now? I'd rather break this glass and slash my wrists. ... I'm over it at the moment. We're done. All I want to do is move on." The 47-year-old is reprising his role as the British spy for the fourth time in the upcoming "Spectre." He added that he doesn't know and does not want to think about his next step, and that if he were to do another 007 movie, it would "only be for the money." □

A reckless life as rocker – and media figure -- for Hynde

DAVID BAUDER

Associated Press NEW YORK (AP) — She may be 64 now, but Chrissie Hynde is still one tough rock 'n' roller.

She proved that once again this week when a simmering controversy over a passage in her new memoir blew up in a hostile interview with a National Public Radio reporter. Hynde complained profanely when reporter David Greene asked about critics of her recounting of a long-ago assault, saying she felt under attack by a lynch mob.

The anecdote has overshadowed "Reckless: My Life as a Pretender," a tale of rock debauchery she waited until after her parents died to tell, and its author is plainly sick of it.

The episode took place in Ohio, where Hynde grew up before moving to England in the 1970s. The future rock star, zonked on drugs, was taken to an abandoned house by bikers who demanded sexual favors and threatened violence. Hynde isn't specific about what happened, other than to say she "humored" her attackers and gave them Quaaludes. "I never say I was raped," she says now.

She wrote that, "however you want to look at it, this



In this June 16, 2011 photo, Chrissie Hynde performs at the 42nd Annual Songwriters Hall of Fame Awards in New York. Hynde released her memoir, "Reckless: My Life as a Pretender," in September. Associated Press

was all my doing and I take full responsibility. You can't (mess) around with people, especially people who wear 'I Heart Rape' and 'On Your Knees' badges." Her elaboration in a London newspaper interview, where she said it was "common sense" not to entice an unhinged person through provocative dress and actions, was criticized for a blame-the-victim mentality. "I can't believe this (expletives), singer Lucinda Williams wrote on Facebook. "Come on,

Chrissie!"

Hynde's touchiness with NPR brought new attention. Given the lightning speed of social media, it led to a backlash against the backlash.

While not defending Hynde's attitude toward assault, Sophie Gilbert wrote in The Atlantic that "the instinct to lash out at someone who's honest about a terrible thing that happened to her, and to victimize her once again, ultimately says more about

the people doing the shaming than it does the supposed perpetrator."

'STORY OF MY GENERATION' Hynde told The Associated Press that she was writing her own story and tried to keep it light.

"That was the story of my generation," she said. "These bikers were the security guards at all the gigs. They were selling drugs and they had motorcycles and they looked better than the hippies. That's all we knew. We were little kids from the suburbs. If you

put the same group of motorcycle riders in any music venue these days they would stick out like a sore thumb, and I mean a very attractive sore thumb."

It doesn't take a deep dive into Hynde's music to note a weakness for rough boys. One of the threats made that night by a biker — "shut up or you're going to make some plastic surgeon rich" — eventually found its way into her lyrics. As detailed in "Reckless," Hynde has lived large. She witnessed the Kent State shootings, received her first kiss at a Sam Cooke concert from the star himself, nearly married two members of the Sex Pistols, played in an early version of The Clash, had Ray Davies' daughter, drank and doped prodigiously and became a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member by the force of her will.

The tragic end of the original Pretenders, with the deaths of guitarist James Honeyman-Scott in 1982 and bass player Pete Dinklage in 1983, also end her story. In Farndon's case, Hynde details a painful conversation with his mother, who blamed her son's death on a descent into a heroin use after he was fired from the band; Hynde told her he was fired because of heroin. □

'Twilight' author says new book is 'not a real book'

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephenie Meyer acknowledges her new book isn't exactly "new."

Appearing Thursday at New York Comic Con, the author spoke of the 10th anniversary edition of the first book of her blockbuster "Twilight" series. The release includes the original "Twilight" along with "Life and Death," essentially the same story, except she switched the names and genders of the main characters, with Bella and Edward now Beau and Edythe.

"I want to say this is not a

real book, and I am totally aware of this," she said at the Jacob Javits Convention Center, adding that she considered "Life and Death" bonus material. Published earlier this week, "Twilight Tenth Anniversary/Life and Death Dual Edition" was No. 2 on Amazon.com's best-seller list as of late Thursday, although numerous readers have complained "Life and Death" often contains the exact wording of "Twilight."

Meyer said that she switched the genders in response to reader complaints that Bella, the teen

girl in love with a vampire, was an old-fashioned "damsel in distress." She wanted to prove that the story worked just as well with the genders reversed, and said that doing it was "fun, and when something is fun you tend to keep doing it."

At least one fan attending agreed with Meyer's take. Nadia Washington, a 33-year-old medical staffer from New Jersey, said that when she read the "Twilight" book she didn't fall in love with the actual characters, but with their "internal love."



In this Aug. 12, 2013 file photo, Stephenie Meyer attends a screening of Sony Pictures Classics' "Austenland" in New York. Associated Press

"So it's the same way now that it (the vampire) is a girl," she said.

Meyer otherwise had to break the news that fans shouldn't expect to see "Midnight Sun" anytime

soon. The "Twilight" companion novel narrated from the vampire Edward's point of view was abandoned by Meyer in 2008 after parts of it leaked online. □



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